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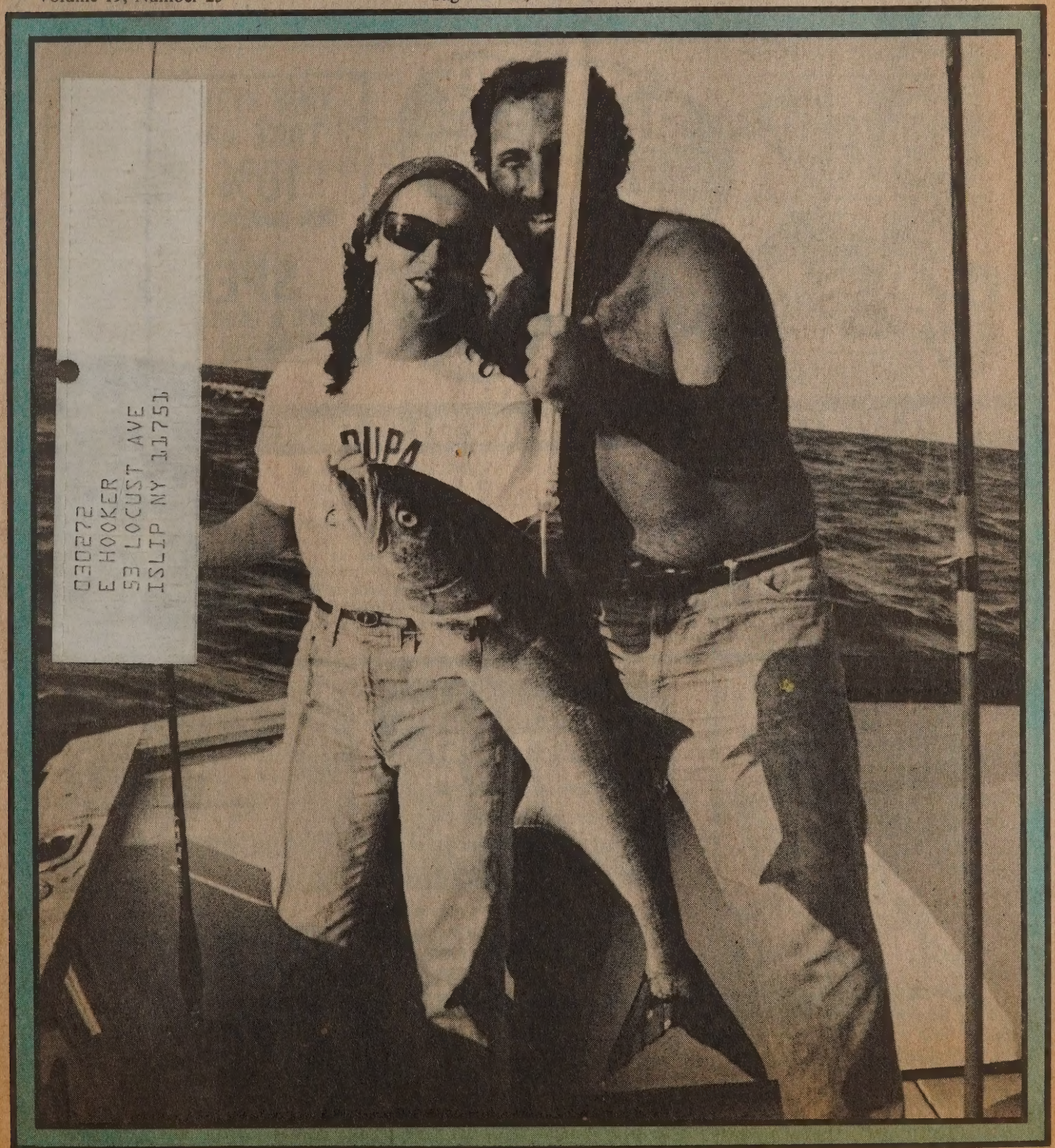

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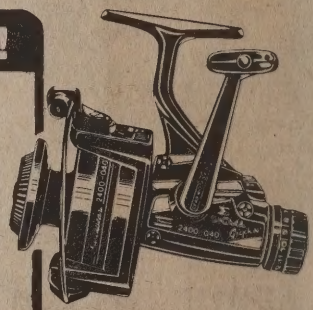

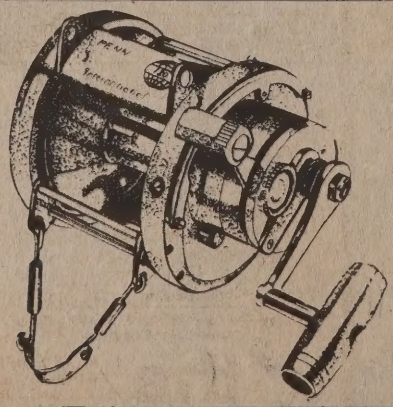

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ABOUT THE COVER:

A bit late perhaps, but nonetheless, bluefish are beginning to settle into their usual haunts. Their return is sure to put smiles on the faces of the many anglers in our area who have come to depend on the chopper for summer action. This week's issue contains a pair of bluefish articles beginning on pages 28 and 32. Cover photo by Greg Nisito.

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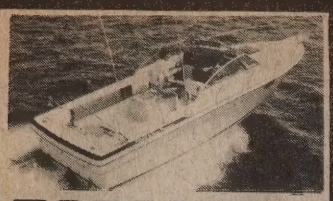

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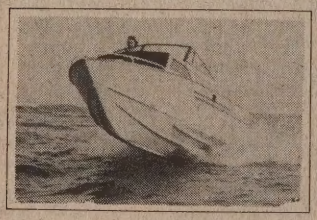
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MARYLAND PASSES SALTWATER ANGLING LICENSE BILL FOR CHESAPEAKE BAY

The efforts of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Maryland recreational anglers to create a dependable funding source for a sound marine fisheries management program took a giant step forward with the signing of Senate Bill 662 (Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License) by Governor Harry Hughes. A public bill-signing ceremony took place on May 22, 1984 at Sandy Point State Park, Maryland.

This landmark legislation was introduced and shepherded through final passage by the chairman of the Maryland Senate Affairs Committee, Jerome Connell. It provides for the licensing of anglers fishing in the tidal waters of Chesapeake Bay and tributaries in Maryland, beginning January 1, 1985. Although angling in the Atlantic Ocean is exempted from license requirements, Maryland nonetheless has become the first Atlantic coastal state to require licensing of any substantial portion of marine anglers. Both the legislature and the Governor are to be commended for this courageous and historic action.

As amended for final passage, the Bill provides for a $5 annual license (January 1st through December 31st) which will be required of all anglers 16 through 64 years of age fishing in Maryland tidal waters of Chesapeake Bay and tributaries with the following general exemptions:

1. Anglers fishing from private real property as an owner, family member of an owner, or a non-paying guest of an owner.

2. Anglers fishing with hook and line from a public bridge or public pier which has been designated by the Department of Natural Resources "as a free fishing area."

3. Anglers holding a valid Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license issued by the State of Virginia, assuming that Virginia will enact similar legislation. This exemption shall not take effect until Maryland's DNR Secretary has published a notice in the Maryland Register of the Secretary's determination that the Virginia requirements for a Chesapeake Bay Sport Fishing License are substantially similar to the requirements of this section.

4. Possession of a valid Maryland commercial fishing license.

The Bill also provides that the Maryland DNR may optionally adopt additional regulations as follows, viz:

1) The Department may issue a special Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license which shall authorize fishing by the special license for a stated period of time, not to exceed three consecutive days. The fee for each license issued shall be $2.

2) The Department may provide for issuance of a special charter boat license that would be valid for up to six individual fishermen on charter boats operated by licensed fishing guides for a one-time fee of $200 and/or for a fee to $240 to carry seven or more individual fishermen.

3) The Department may provide for issuance of a special Chesapeake Bay fishing license for an annual fee of $2.50 to all anglers possessing a valid fishing license for the inland waters of Maryland.

4) The Department may provide for issuance of an annual special Chesapeake Bay sport fishing license, which when permanently affixed to a boat, shall authorize any person on the boat to fish for finfish in the Chesapeake Bay or in its tributaries up to tidal boundaries, except that such a license may not be used on a boat which has been hired to take such persons fishing. The annual fee for this special license shall be $25.

The language of the Bill clearly accommodates the concerns of anglers—voiced frequently during the legislative hearings—that the monies collected by the license be dedicated for recreational fishing enhancement, viz:

"All fees collected on behalf of the Department pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the Department in accordance with its rules and regulations for deposit with the state treasurer to the credit of the fisheries research and development fund to be used for the replenishment, protection and conservation of fish stocks caught by recreational fishermen, for enhancement of recreational fishing opportunities and for research concerning tidal fishery resources. The Department shall publicly report annually the amounts collected and the expenditures."

Also, the wording of the Bill ensures that anglers will be given the opportunity to have input concerning the contents of the fisheries management program adopted by the DNR, viz:

"In the preparation of plans for the expenditures of license receipts, the Secretary annually shall solicit the advice and opinions of the Department's Sport Fishery Advisory Commission, representative fishing and boating associations, and other interested parties."

The marine habitat and resources supporting recreational fisheries are in dire need of management attention. Estuarine habitat, critically important as breeding and nursery areas for many species of marine fishes constantly are faced with dual threats of pollution and physical alteration and development. Populations of many recreationally-important fish species have been severely over-

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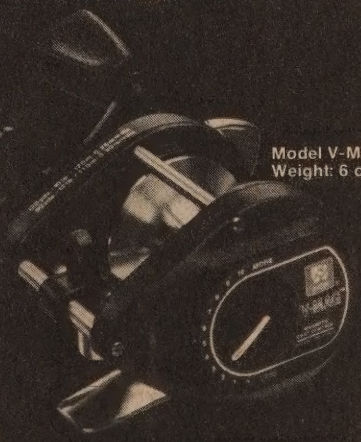

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The need for protection and enhancement of the vast recreational fishery and associated aquatic resources provided by the nation's marine waters is great and the cost of achieving these goals will be high. The licensing of saltwater anglers, along with concurrent establishment of adequate safeguards to ensure that license revenues are spent for intended purposes, offers a reasonable and practical solution to this most pervasive problem.

Currently, only eight of the 23 coastal states require that saltwater anglers be licensed. With the recent addition of Maryland, this elite group of progressive states includes the four West Coast states of Alaska, California, Oregon and Washington, and the Gulf Coast states of Alabama, Louisiana and Texas.

We applaud the tireless and courageous efforts exerted by farsighted angling and conservation groups in Maryland, as well as by the Maryland legislature and the DNR and without the personal commitment and direction of Governor Harry Hughes, this landmark legislation would not have been possible. Now that the trail has been blazed in Maryland, it is hoped that the Virginia legislature will keep the momentum alive by enacting comparable saltwater fishing license requirements during this next session, and that the remaining coastal states will soon follow suit.

HARBOR FESTIVAL FISHING RODEO MAKES PROVISION FOR LATE ENTRIES

Since entries in the Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo sent to headquarters by mail after June 23 may not be received in time to permit return of the required registration cards, the Rodeo Committee has arranged for several means of late registration.

Those working in the city can sign up by going directly to Rodeo headquarters at 1120 Avenue of the Americas, suite 1410. In addition, some of our weigh-in stations will be cooperating in taking late entries insofar as their business permits (please try them at off-hours). A call to Rodeo headquarters (212-944-9477) will be the surest means of finding a nearby late registration center. The Rodeo Committee will also attempt to set up registration tables on Saturday, June 30 prior to sailing times at major party boat ports.

Don't miss out on all the prizes and excitement associated with the first annual Harbor Festival Fishing Rodeo. Boats fishing out of ports all the way from Fire Island Inlet to Manasquan Inlet are eligible in three divisions. In the party boat division, the entry fee is $10 per angler and the eligible species are bluefish, fluke and weakfish. The inshore division runs $20 per boat and includes the same species. The offshore division requires a donation of $80 per boat and offers prizes for mako sharks, other sharks, bluefish, albacore and bigeye tuna—as well as a Fin-Nor Lite 50 lb. rod and reel for the biggest yellowfin tuna. There are well over $30,000 in cash and merchandise prizes.

The entry fees to the Harbor Festival Foundation are tax-deductible, and the prize pool is well over $30,000. Listen to radio station WNEW-1130 AM over the weekend for updates on the Rodeo to help you decide which species you have the best shot at. You may hear your name being broadcast as one of the leaders! Even those who don't win one of the major awards will have a shot at the many smaller prizes being distributed to those entering fish at each of the many authorized weigh-in stations.

If you haven't signed up already, get busy and do so right now. Everyone has a good shot at the many prizes, but you must be registered in advance in order to be eligible!

FIVE NEW YORK STUDENTS WIN PRIZES IN NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY POSTER CONTEST

Valerie Coville of Cortland, Doreen Runyon of Marathon, Terri L. Dickerson of Willsboro, and Lynne Marie Lacko and Edward Joseph Lacko of Lansing are winners in the 1984 National Hunting and Fishing Day Poster Contest. Their posters illustrating the contest theme "How Sportsmen's Duck Stamp Dollars Benefit Wildlife" had already been selected as winners in locally sponsored contests before being entered in the Naitonal NHF Day Poster Contest.

Valerie, a senior at Cortland High School, won Second Prize in the Senior Division and will receive $250 in U.S. Savings Bonds. Her entry was sponsored by the Cortland County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

Doreen, a student at Marathon Central School, won a Merit Award and will receive a $50 U.S. Savings Bond. Her entry was also sponsored by the Cortland Co. Federation.

Terri, a 9th grader at Willsboro Central School, also won a Merit Award and will receive a $50 U.S. Savings Bond. Willsboro Fish and Game Club was her sponsor.

Lynne and Edward, both students at Lansing Middle School, won Merit Awards and will each receive $50 U.S. Savings Bonds. They were sponsored by the Tompkins County Sportsmen's Federation, the Lansing Rod & Gun Club and Cayuga Lake Archery Club.

Their posters were among thousands entered in local NHF Day poster contests sponsored by schools, sportsmen's clubs and civic organizations throughout the country. In addition to local prizes, there were 53 national awards totaling $5,550 in U.S. Savings Bonds for youngsters who best illustrated the contest theme "How Sportsmen's Duck Stamp Dollars Benefit Wildlife."

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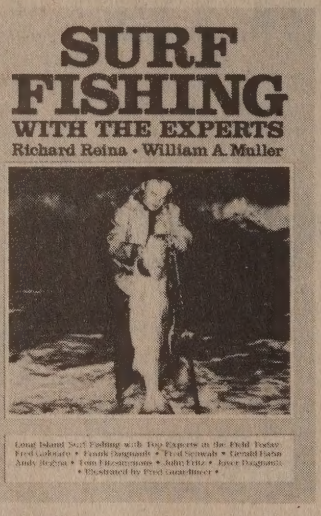

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For information about the 1985 National Hunting and Fishing Day. Poster Contest, contact NHF Day Headquarters, Box 1075, Riverside, Connecticut 06878.

SHINNECOCK MARLIN & TUNA CLUB ANNOUNCE FAMILY BLUEFISH TOURNEY WINNERS

The Shinnecock Marlin & Tuna Club is pleased to announce the winners of their Annual Family Bluefish Tournament which was held on Saturday, June 9, at Jackson's Marina, Hampton Bays, New York.

Inshore Division: Lou Radazo, 7.12; George Woodhul, 4.8 and Bob Wellins, 4.2.

Offshore Division: Chuck Forman, 10.4; Dave Anzalone, 8.12; Jim Scanlan, 8 lbs.

The only entry in the Junior Division was a 3 lb. bluefish, taken by Jay Curley, 7-years-old, on his uncle's boat "Island Girl." This was Jay's first fish ever!

In addition to the trophies which will be awarded at the club's annual awards dinner in the fall, various other prizes were awarded to the lucky anglers after the barbecue.

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• State your reason for writing. Explain how the legislation would affect you or your family, business or profession—or what effect it would have on your state or community.

• Be constructive. If a bill deals with a problem that you admit exists, but you believe the bill takes the wrong approach toward solving the problem, explain what you believe the right approach is.

• Concentrate on your own delegation. Your district's Representative and your state's Senators cast your votes in Congress and wants to know your views.

• Ask your legislators to explain their positions on the issue in reply. As a constituent, you're entitled to know how and why they feel as they do.

• Try to communicate on a bill while it is in committee. Your Senators and Representative usually will be more responsive to your views at that time—rather than the bill has already been shaped by a committee.

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Cash, prizes and plaques will be presented to the tournament winners by Thomas Gulotta, Presiding Supervisor of the Town of Hempstead, at Shell Creek Park, on the evening of July 1st. Other town officials will be attending.

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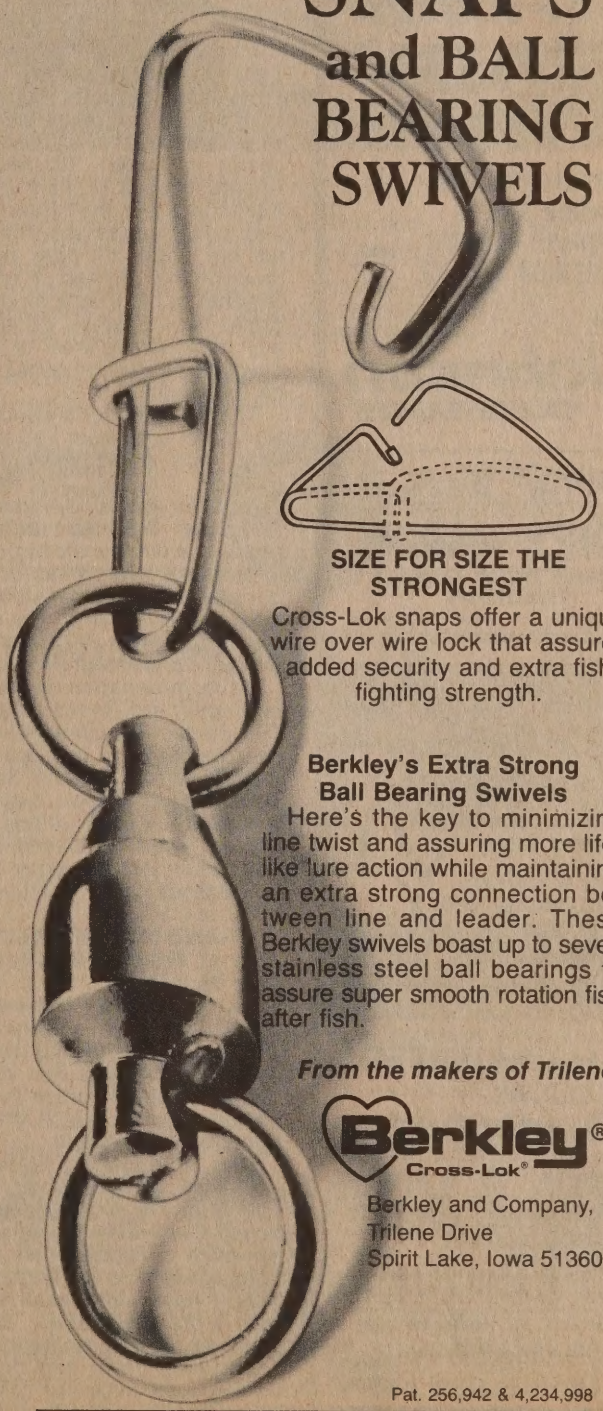

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NEEDS ADDRESS FOR SURFCASTER

I have just finished reading *Surf Fishing With The Experts*, by R. Reina and W. Muller and thoroughly enjoyed it. In the book, a reference was made to a mail order company: The Surfcaster in Darien, Connecticut (see Chapter 3, page 22). I am interested in inquiring about their Dacron Surfbag and would appreciate it if you could let me know of their mailing address/phone number. I am also interested in old Vlad Evanoff and Milt Rosko fishing books. Do you know of any book stores (new or used) that specialize in fishing books (anywhere on the Island)?

Thanks again for a wonderful book. I hope to hear from you soon. Tight lines and good fishing!! *Edward Mocko.*

Thanks for your kind words about the Surf Book. We tried real hard to put together a volume that would truly be informative in all areas of the sport, not just the traditional stuff that other books are filled with. The address of the Surfcaster is 113 Maywood Road, Darien, Connecticut 06820.

As for information on books written by Evanoff and Rosko, please consult The Fisherman Library ads that appear regularly in the publication as well as the Salt Water Sportsman's Book Library. If you aren't familiar with SWS, it is a national saltwater fishing magazine based in Boston. You can get a copy on most newsstands. Dr. W.A. Muller.

PRAISE FOR CERULLO BROS. FISHING STATION

Dear Dr. Muller:

As a fellow fisherman and subscriber to your magazine, I am writing you this leter to thank you for the helpful articles that you write in The Long Island Fisherman. Also the fishing services which are available throughout the Island.

One such fishing station in particular is Cerullo Bros., located in East Moriches. On Monday, April 30, I fished there with five of my friends. Although I fished other places on Long Island, from Pt. Lookout to Montauk, I have never been so pleased with a fishing station. The owners were very helpful and courteous, the boats were clean and dry, and the fishing was excellent (as per your mag.). It is nice to see that there are still people who take a genuine interest in their customers. Although I live in Rockland County, I am looking forward, as are my friends, to returning to East Moriches, and Cerullo Bros. for another enjoyable day of fishing. Sincerely, *John Antonucci.*

We're glad you took the time to write this letter. Frequently people are motivated to write only when they have a complaint. That leaves an impression that there are many things bad with our industry. However, most liveries, tackle stores, party boats, etc., make a great effort to service their clientele and make them happy.

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IN RESPONSE TO "GETTING RIPPED OFF"

Dear Chum,

I am writing this letter in reference to Mr. D'Andrea's dilemma about being ripped off. I agree with the fisherman that he did get the short end of the stick, so as a mate of a fishing boat in Sheepshead Bay, I would like to offer a few "Rules of the Pool" that we use on our boat.

1) The pool is $2 per man. A $10 pool as mentioned in the letter, invites aggression and hostility, especially on an open boat where people don't know each other.

2) Each entrant may only fish with ONE rod at a time.

3) No one under 16 may participate.

4) In the case of small groups—each man/woman must put their fish in a separate bucket. Each fish caught by the non-pool members must get a small slash with a knife by the tail.

5) All fish caught by the mates of captain that will be given away to customers get a slash across the tail.

6) In case the pool fish is caught by two different people, the money will be split, no questions asked.

7) The pool fish will always be the fish pursued that day.

8) The captain will announce the pool over the PA system as soon as possible.

9) Anybody that has a pool stub can weigh any fish that he/she wants.

10) No person may enter the pool who walks onto the boat with fish from an earlier trip.

11) In case of a total washout where tough conditions produce no fish, everyone with a stub gets their $2 back.

12) The pool money will be delivered by one of the mates and he will tell the customer to count it.

Nobody tips if they don't want to and the mates will not fish unless conditions warrant.

I would now like to add a few comments on how to be a good customer:

A) Don't give the boys a five gallon bucket of ling to fillet and expect a dollar to cover it.

B) When the captain signals for "lines up," it means lines up. Too many times customers leave their lines in the water in hopes of one last porgy. You will get your line caught in

the anchor rope and I may get it in my hands.

C) Don't be afraid to ask for help.

D) If I am working on a massive tangle and I ask you to slack off, please do it.

E) When you need tackle, please remember that my boss expects me to charge you for it.

F) Please remember that I only have two hands.

G) If I provide you with good service, take bergalls off of your kid's hook, clean your fish properly, and do some of the little things that help you enjoy your day, then I feel that you can give me a few extra bucks for my efforts. Sincerely, *Richard "Fishy" Rosenfeld.*

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This is in reply to your letter in the May 17th-23rd 1984 issue concerning mates. I'm not saying that the mate in question did the correct thing. Certainly not. But, and here comes that big but...

Does anyone out there ever care about the mates. How long a day do you think they put in? How about 12 to 14 hours plus a day. And there are all kinds of conditions, and I don't mean weather. What about those great fishermen and women who come on the boat and think they own it and the mates. Then you get the people who you have to mop up after ALL DAY LONG and the "expert" who does not know one end of the rod from the other.

Next. You say the mates fish too much. Why? The mate helps you on the boat, gets you bait, beer, soda, helps you rig up, gaffs your fish, cleans your fish and God knows what else. He goes out of his way to keep your fish from spoiling because you are an AIR HEAD and can't fend for yourself because you had too many beers. Then he helps you off the boat and you leave **without tipping.** I don't know if people are aware, but party boat owners are not the most generous in the world. I'm not saying all; but there are ones with the attitude, "Well, kid, you have the privilege of sailing around all day on my boat, so here's **$20 bucks** and I want the boat so clean you can eat off the fish box."

I'm not saying all mates are good. But they most likely all started out with a good attitude and had it changed with time and bad experiences. Life on a fishing boat is a two-way street. Mates are not fishing just because they like to fish. Maybe the mate would not fish so much if they were rewarded according to th service they provide. *C. Ashley.*

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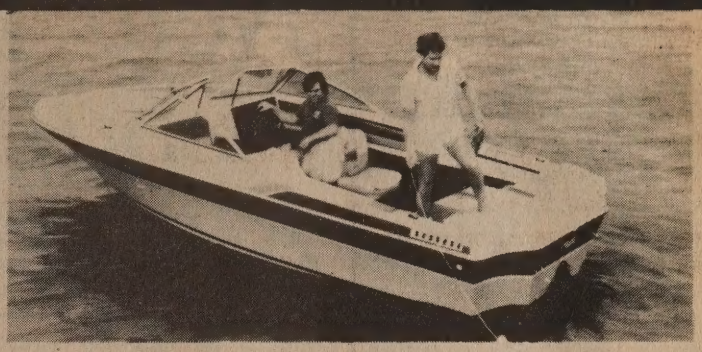

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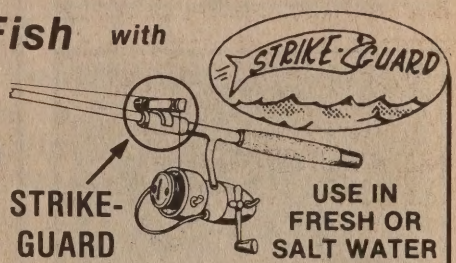

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KILL WESTWAY:
SAVE YOUR STRIPED BASS

by Robert H. Boyle

Striped bass fishermen who are concerned about the declining numbers of this great fish should immediately start writing letters to their Congressmen and Senators and the Corps of Engineers asking that they stop the Westway Project on the west side of lower Manhattan. Westway is a real estate hustle masquerading as a new West Side Drive. Westway is a 4.2 mile interstate highway boondoggle and real estate developers jackpot that would run from Battery Park City up to 42nd Street. Westway, or "Wasteway" as it has been dubbed, would cost between $5 and $6 billion, with most of the exorbitant cost being expended on filling in 242 acres of the Hudson River up to 29th Street and tunneling traffic lanes partially through the fill, the top of which would be up for grabs by developers. The fill would obliterate forever the major wintering ground for juvenile striped bass in the Hudson. If you don't act now by writing your Congressmen and Senators, you'll be saying goodbye to substantial numbers of migratory striped bass along the coast, especially in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts waters. In December of 1980, the National Marine Fisheries Service stated flatly, "Should juvenile striped bass be denied access to this critical nursery area, it is NMFS' opinion that the survival of the entire Hudson River population and its substantial contribution to the Atlantic Coast fisheries would be jeopardized."

With Congress now discussing a ban on fishing in an effort to save the declining stocks of striped bass elsewhere on the coast, it makes no sense whatever for the federal government to fund Westway and decimate the last big source of supply. It's contradictory. It's hypocritical. It's ridiculous.

But for all of this, Westway seems to have more lives than Dracula, even though the history of the project has been riddled with deceit and fraud. If you or I had done what some state and federal officials did, we'd be doing five to ten years in the slammer. As president of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association, I testified against Westway in federal court before Judge Thomas Griesa. So did Dr. R. Ian Fletcher, professor of fisheries and biomathematics at the University of Washington in Seattle. We refuted the absolute lie by the Federal Highway Administration and the New York State Department of Transportation that the river stretch to be filled was a "biological wasteland." During the trial Judge Griesa used the word "perjury" in discussing the testimony of several pro Westway witnesses. The judge said that key documents were "false," "untrue," and had been drafted "with an intent to misrepresent." At one point, Judge Griesa said, "I have sentenced people to prison for securities fraud where the conduct was less blatant than the drafting of those instruments." In his decision, Judge Griesa revoked the Army Corps of Engineers' permit to fill.

But that didn't end Westway. When Mario Cuomo was running for governor of New York, he asked attorney Thomas Puccio, the Abscam prosecutor, to study the Westway issues and report back to him. Puccio did after Cuomo took office, and here, in part, is what he reported to the governor:

- From early on, the state and its Westway Project consultants took the view that the Westway landfill would have no impact on fisheries resources because there were no fish in the area to be filled; and this is exactly what was stated in the State's EIS. When the Environmental Protection Agency and other Federal fisheries agencies claimed that the area was far from the wasteland which the state portrayed, the State's response was that the agency positions were absolutely without basis.
- Eventually, the State agreed to do further sampling which it asserted would prove the area to be of no value. Instead, the field work conducted by the firm of Lawler, Matusky and Skelly (LMS) turned up major concentrations of young striped bass in the area to be filled, with the concentrations being ten times or more greater than any other place on the Hudson. However, when LMS and the State issued their report on the sampling, they did not disclose this; but to the contrary, they obscured the results both through inaccurate text and manipulated graphs...

All of this came out in the trial before Judge Griesa, whose findings included the following (all of which were affirmed by the Court of Appeals).

1. The LMS report of the study was deceptive and false, failing to disclose the seriousness of the potential impact on striped bass and obscuring this intentionally.

2. The State fraudulently advised the Corps of Engineers that the new

study, showing large concentrations of striped bass in the Westway area, said nothing different from the EIS, which said there were no fish in the Westway area.

3. The State EIS was false from the outset since there was no basis for asserting that the Westway area had no aquatic life in it.

4. The State and its consultants acted in bad faith and conspired with the Federal Highway Administration to suppress the new information on potential fisheries impacts and to deceive the public.

5. The State's key witnesses, including Lowell Bridwell, whom the State selected as Westway Executive Director, has not been candid or truthful in their testimony. In addition, the State's attorneys had also participated in this misconduct.

The above was just part of the Puccio report, but instead of trading in Westway money to improve mass transit in New York City, Governor Cuomo became an ardent Westway backer. The Wasteway backers are pounding at the door again to build this boondoggle, and the Army Corps of Engineers, which was supposed to do a two-year study of striped bass in the area, cut it back to less than one year at the insistence of the governor.

The Corps has just issued the results of that quickie study. It states that filling in the Hudson for Westway would have a "significant adverse impact" on striped bass. Does that mean the end of Westway? No way. The corps still has to decide on a fill permit.

What can you do to help kill Wasteway once and for all? First of all, you can write to your Congressmen and Senators in Washington telling them to kill this destructive boondoggle. Note, however, that Governor Cuomo has four New York allies in Congress: Senators Alphonse D'Amato and Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Representatives William Green and Joseph Addabo. Last fall this gang of four tried to let Westway construction start before the Corps even made a decision on whether or not to grant a fill permit. Fortunately, the gang of four were thwarted by Senator Robert Stafford of Vermont, Representative Silvio Conte of Massachusetts and Representative Ted Weiss of Manhattan, whose district includes the Westway area.

Finally note this. The Corps of Engineers has tentatively scheduled public hearings on the striped bass issue for Felt Forum in Madison Square Garden on June 26th and 27th. Vote with your body by showing up. It's your only chance, otherwise it's goodbye bass. To confirm the hearing dates and place and get on the Corps' mailing list, write: Col. F.H. Griffis, Army Corps of Engineers, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10278; or phone the Corps at (212) 264-9053 or 264-3996. You can't afford to miss this hearing. The striped bass need you—and you need them.

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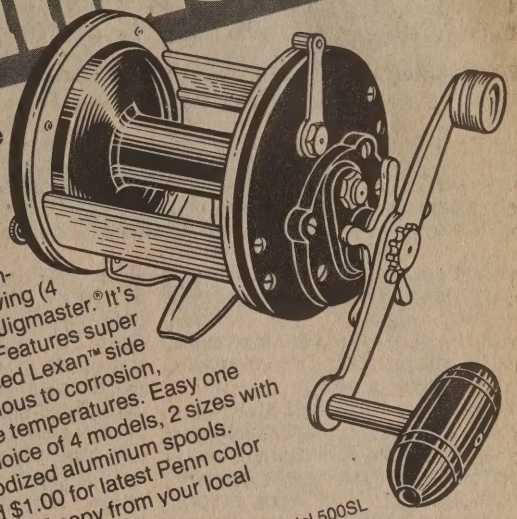

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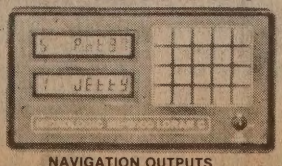

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CONGRESS BLASTS STATE STRIPER PLANS

by Dick Russell

The spring spawning run of striped bass in the Chesapeake Bay has ended and, although the annual young of the year survey won't begin until July, the prospects for improvement do not look good.

Jim Uphoff, a Maryland state biologist who's been monitoring spawning success on the Choptank River, offered this grim assessment by telephone on June 6: "The week before last, we found 1,000 or better larvae of both striped bass and white perch. By last week, we could only find two dozen! It's the same pattern we detected in 1980, 1981 and 1983. There's been a big die-off. It rained like hell on the Choptank, and this seems to have killed most of the larvae. The past couple years, when it's been bad like this in the Choptank, it's bad everywhere else. And the very low numbers of brook stock spawning this spring just aggravate the hell out of the situation. It's really a mess."

As the rainstorms continued, scientists began probing for the first time the possible impact of acid rain. The measured the pH levels and found that these dropped substantially, apparently making the Choptank too acidic for newborn stripers to tolerate. There was severe flooding in the Nanticoke River, too.

An official statement about acid rain's effect on the Chesapeake system is expected sometime this summer. Meantime, Maryland biologists are more convinced than ever that the only immediate thing that can be done is to restrict fishing to the utmost, so that there are enough fish left to start rebuilding the population while the war against acid rain and other environmental problems goes on.

In short, fishermen can't use acid rain as an excuse to let themselves off the hook. Remember the Federal scientists' warning that the striper cannot withstand the combined effects of contamination and fishing pressure. The simple fact is, if there were more bass surviving to spawn, there would be more eggs and a better chance for more newborns to make it through the drastic environmental effects.

As Rhode Island U.S. Congresswoman Claudine Schneider put it in a statement on the House floor on May 31, "Pity the plight of the striped bass. The fish is being polluted to death on one hand, and overfished on the other. It is time for the Federal Government to act. I hope that my distinguished colleagues on the House Merchant Marine Committee will soon report my Federal moratorium proposal to the floor, so that the entire Congress can have the opportunity to save this magnificent fish before it is too late."

Late last month, Rep. Schneider had a meeting with John Breaux, the Chairman of the Fisheries Subcommittee who's been reluctant to allow her bill to be sent to the full Committee for a vote because of the "states' rights" question. Breaux did indicate he was willing to again consider both her bill and another introduced by Rep. Gerry Studds sometime in June. Studds' bill calls only for a Congressional incentive to force recalcitrant states to implement the new 55 percent reduction plans, but it's possible that an amendment might be considered to go for a full moratorium if the Chesapeake spawning survey drops below 2.0 this summer. (Last year, it was 1.4.)

Breaux said he wanted a full report on the results of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's meeting in Washington on May 22-23. The trouble is, there are widely divergent views on what the coastal states are coming up with on striper management. State fisheries directors seem well-pleased with their efforts to achieve much tougher bass regulations. But Charles Swezey, a Schneider staff assistant who attended the directors' gathering, had a very different opinion.

"My overall impression is that there are now three things threatening the bass: pollution, overfishing, **and** the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission," Swezey wrote in a report for the Congresswoman. "It was clear from the start that there was no way that the ASMFC could report to the world after May 23rd that all the states, or even most, had committed themselves to a 55 percent additional reduction in fishing effort. They had even less confidence in being able to defend their estimated percentage reductions on a scientific basis...

"Phil Coates (Chairman of the Striped Bass Board and Massachusetts' Director of Marine Fisheries) put the best face on it he could, emphasizing the percentage reductions calculated thus far," Swezey continued. "Even the chairman of the ASMFC's Scientific and Statistical Committee, Randy Fairbanks, cautioned that certain measures being considered by the Striped Bass Board would not wash in the S&S Committee. The response by Phil Coates was that the S&S Committee was subordinate to the Striped Bass Board and that the Board could adopt any measure or motion it wanted...

"The rep from North Carolina, in frustration at the visible lack of forward movement...said that from what's happened here today (nobody could agree on anything), the Feds would never get a clear signal from the Commission... There was no stand taken by any state rep on any bill now before the Congress...Again, the scientists see it the way we do; the state fishery managers seem only concerned with maximizing harvest."

The Commission did vote to propose supporting Federal legislation to ban interstate sale of any Atlantic stripers under 24 inches. Surprisingly, Maryland voted **for** this measure. Rhode Island, which customarily has sold 90 percent of its bass out of state, voted against it. But, according to Swezey, even this sound idea has a tainted edge to it. Swezey reports that Phil Coates said "that they had to come up with something extraordinary so that people would not tend to look only at the 55 percent thing." The "something extraordinary" was the suggested interstate ban on small-fish commerce.

But when Commission members Coates, Paul Perra and Ralph Abele met to brief Congressional staff members, it was a far cry from Swezey's picture of events. "The thrust was, the states are making good progress toward meeting their goals," said Studds' bass man, Andy Schwarz. "Mr. Abele told us that it would not hurt to have Federal preemption if a particular state is not doing enough. They thought a combination of Mr. Studds and Senator Chafee's bills would be very

good vehicles."

Schwarz, who also attended the Commission meeting, added: "The way they conducted their business was not the most professional thing I've ever seen. Everybody was saying something about everything. I don't think they could decide whether to jump out of a burning window."

Massachusetts became the first coastal state to formally adopt the new 55 percent cutback plan. At a meeting of its Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission on May 31, the Bay State voted 6 to 1 to enact the following regulations this summer:

- Commercial sale of striped bass over 24 inches fork length will be allowed only between June 1 and September 30, thus eliminating the big month of October where 42 percent of last year's landings occurred.
- Anyone selling a striper will be required to purchase a special permit, at a cost of $10. Recreational fishermen will be limited to bringing home one bass per day year-round.

In neighboring Rhode Island, where a total moratorium is currently in effect, the Marine Fisheries Council voted on June 5 to send new proposals out to public hearing. Rhode Island officials want to go all the way back to an 18 inch total length minimum size limit for both rod-and-reel and net fishermen. Rod-and-reel harvest would be limited to two fish per day over that size. The trap net and gill net season would be open only from mid-October to mid-November. The public hearing will be held on June 27, at 7PM, on the Knight Campus of the Warwick Community College.

John Cronan, chief of Fish and Wildlife in Rhode Island, told the Council that the Rhode Island plan had secured approval by the coastal Striped Bass Board. But this is fudging the truth somewhat, according to Randy Fairbanks. Fairbanks says that the coastal Board will not vote until October on whether to allow any divergence from the original management plan calling for a 24 inch limit in all harvesting states like Rhode Island.

"As the restoration starts to work," says Fairbanks, "The Rhode Island catch will go up as a function of the increasing availability of fish that will be largely the result of sacrifices made by other states. They'll reap the benefits of what the rest of us are doing. This would be unconscionable unless they consider capping the catch at some pre-determined level."

As Fairbanks points out,a sizeable number of small fish have been caught and released all along Cape Cod this spring. "These will be reasonably well-protected unless Rhode Island starts fishing on them again," he adds.

What Rhode Island will decide after the public hearing depends on the consciences of scientist Dr. Saul Saila and the three representatives of the sport fishing community on the Marine Fisheries Council. Netters George Mendonsa and Michael Parascondolo can't vote because of a finding against them by the state's Conflict-of-Interest Commission. But legally, the other Council members can't decide to raise the size limit to 24 inches without yet another public hearing.

If the Chesapeake picture is as bleak as it seems, a coastwide moratorium is going to be an increasingly likely eventuality. In the interim, yet another factor has entered the picture. The Federal Food and Drug Administration recently approved lowering the tolerance level for PCB concentrations in fish and shellfish from five to **two** parts per million. Anything over two is now considered unsafe for human consumption.

The most immediate effect of the FDA's decision will be on the Hudson River fishery. New York has outlawed commercial bass fishing in the Hudson since 1976 because of PCBs. But when the PCB levels tested out at 4.9 parts per million last year, plans got underway to re-open the commercial fishery. Now this will be impossible. It also calls into question the potential health hazards in Long Island Sound, New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island, where an increasingly large number of Hudson-spawned stripers are being caught. If state officials there conduct proper testing and find a number of bass with PCB levels over 2.0, they may be forced to stop commercial bass fishing altogether.

Every coastal state is going to have to take another look at its fish populations. Chesapeake-born bass do not have nearly the PCB problem that their Hudson counterparts do, but as Rep. Schneider told the House of Representatives: "Some scientists have speculated that you cannot find one striped bass off the entire East Coast that can presently meet the new PCB standard. If this is the case, a commercial moratorium will have to be enforced anyway. I call on the scientific community to investigate this question..."

In her statement, Mrs. Schneider added: "The FDA's decision to lower the allowable PCB level only adds to the reams of evidence already supporting a federally enforced, coastwide moratorium on the fishing of striped bass...[Hudson] fishermen have argued that imposing a moratorium at this time would be unfair, because the Hudson River population has already had eight years in which to recover. [The] FDA ruling makes this argument moot. No fish in the Hudson will meet the new, lower PCB standard in the foreseeable future. Therefore, a coastwide moratorium will not unfairly punish commercial fisheries in New York and Connecticut."

The FDA estimates that its new ruling will result in a dockside loss of revenue to commercial fishermen of $13.5 million. That includes more than $4 million for lobstermen, and almost $3 million in striped bass.

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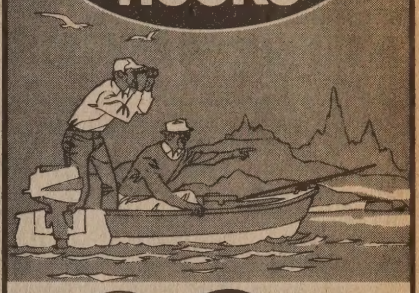

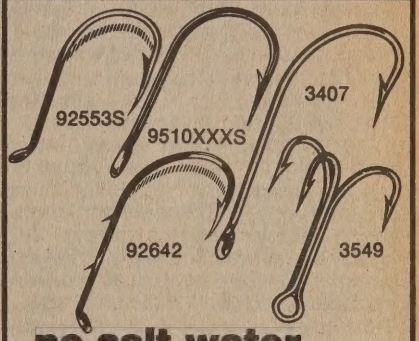

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TRY TROLLING FOR BIGGER FLUKE

by Russ Wilson

Boatmen who apply trolling techniques to their fluking are often rewarded with better than average size flatties.

Fluke are predators of the highest order. In fact, larger fluke will vigorously attack any baitfish with an aggressiveness that would do justice to a kill-crazed blue. Unfortunately, many fishermen who seek the summer flounder do not take advantage of this characteristic when planning their assault on the summer flatties.

You can catch plenty of fluke when drift fishing or when spot casting to specific spots, but it is far more productive to troll those same spots. By the same token, a person who knows his particular river or bay can pinpoint his casts so they blanket the more likely looking fish holding areas. Most anglers, however, are not really all that familiar with the waters they fish.

Trolling can help swing the odds to your side. And, it is not hard to learn how to troll effectively. I've been using this method for many years. It is as good a technique as I've seen.

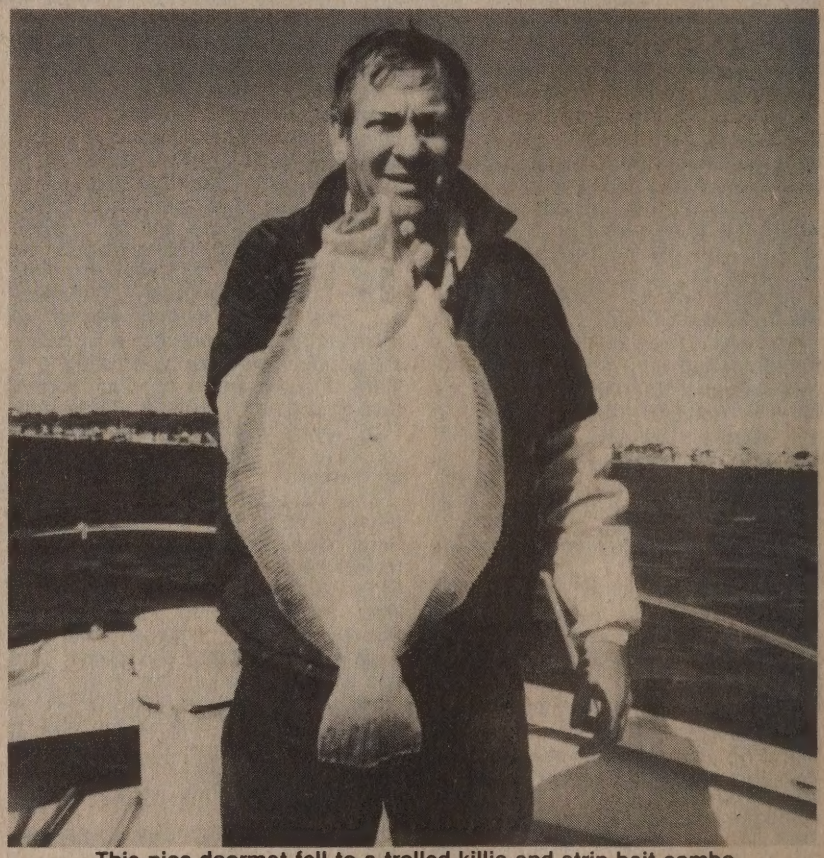
To be successful at the trolling game you do need some rather specialized equipment, most of which you may already have.

I carry two distinctly different outfits when planning a fluke fishing foray. One—and it is a favorite for many years—consists of a 5½ foot plug casting (popping) rod; mid-size revolving spool reel, 10 pound test clear monofilament line and a standard fluke rig with one or two ounce Dipsey type sinker.

The second outfit, and one that does not see as much use as the rig I've previously described, is a one-handed spinning setup which has a medium size reel, 12 pound test mono and a float arrangement similar to those used when fishing for crappies in freshwater lakes and ponds. This outfit only sees use when I have located a spot where fluke are pocketed and can be cast too, but through the years it has produced some outstanding catches in spite of the limited use it gets.

Generally, I'll begin a trolling pattern that will allow my boat to crisscross the channels. As a rule, I work with the tide beginning at the head of a channel and ending where the channel broadens out to form a flat or shallow water zone.

If that system does not pay off, I'll work back AGAINST the current following a path that will take me to the point at which I began the first run with the tide. Quite often the flounder will grab any bait that passes their noses on a down-tide troll, but will completely ignore an offering that is trolled against the tide. Similarly, you will find days when the exact opposite holds true and the only fish you catch are taken while running against the tidal flow.



This nice doormat fell to a trolled killie and strip bait combo.

It does not pay to use tunnel vision when seeking the large summer flatfish. If you do fall into this trap, and many fishermen do, you are going to miss out on some of the best fishing. That's why I work with or against the tide until a definite pattern develops.

If there is one special secret in successful trolling for fluke, it would be the speed at which you present your baits. A fast troll, say one of bluefish or striped bass speed, will be ignored like the plague. Likewise, a too slow troll, will go unnoticed since the baits will not impart enough action to trigger the feeding urge in those bottom hugging fluke.

I've worked out a technique that pays dividends and has put a lot of fish in the boat for me throughout the years.

When trolling with the current, I keep the baits working just slightly faster than the tidal flow. In some places this means moving the boat at a snail's pace, while in other areas it may require no more than an occasional nudge on the throttle to push the boat ahead of the tide.

I do prefer to work against the tide and most of my better fluke catches

have been taken this way. When running into a rushing tide, you can slow the boat so it barely moves forward. Still, while the boat is not making a lot of headway, those baits you have down in the water are working as they should and will usually draw hits from the flounder.

Channel edges, those spots where the bay bottom drops off are ideal fish holding areas and will generally yield fish if they are worked correctly. I've found the edges are terrific spots to fish during the early season when fluke are just entering the sheltered waterways. Often the edges are loaded with grass shrimp and other foods fluke enjoy.

Again, work the edges with and against the tide. You will quickly find out which direction is paying off and that is the way you should fish for the remainder of that particular tide.

I use a variety of baits when trolling. The most common of which is a strip of squid or fluke belly measuring 5 to 7 inches in length and no more than 3/4 inches in width. A bait cut in this fashion will flutter with a come and get me look that drives fluke wild.

Live killies are another very effective bait for the troller who fishes sheltered waters. This is the predominant baitfish in most estuaries and provides a major portion of the summer flounder diet.

Killies should be hooked lightly through the lips so they swim in a natural manner. I prefer small hooks when using killies and find the 1/0, #1 or #2 are the most effective sizes.

Larger hooks, such as 2/0 or 3/0 are normally used when trolling strip baits and it is not at all unusual to see some of the more experienced trollers using two hook rigs to keep the strip baits hanging lengthwise so they will swim naturally as they are trolled.

Fluke do not nibble. When they decide to grab a tasty looking morsel they simply swim up and smack it with a vengeance. Often the first inkling you will have that a fish has taken your bait will be the feeling that you've hung bottom. This is when the fluke has the bait in his mouth but has not yet swallowed it.

Allow a few yards of line to free spool back to the fish before you engage the reel and attempt to set the hook. This gives the fish a chance to get the bait well back in his mouth and will usually result in solid hook-ups.

Always carry a landing net. I do not mean one of those flimsy nets used by many freshwater anglers, but something that has a wide opening and at least a hoop of 18 inches in diameter. Big fluke gain almost as much in width as they do in length. Therefore, you need that wide mouth net just to handle the width of the fish.

Fish should always be netted head first. They do not have a reverse gear and once they swim forward they will be safely entwined in the mesh and can be hoisted into the boat without any further trouble.

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CONFESSIONS OF A BAITFISHERMAN

by William A. Muller

Another, in an ongoing series of articles by a self-admitted convert to baitfishing.

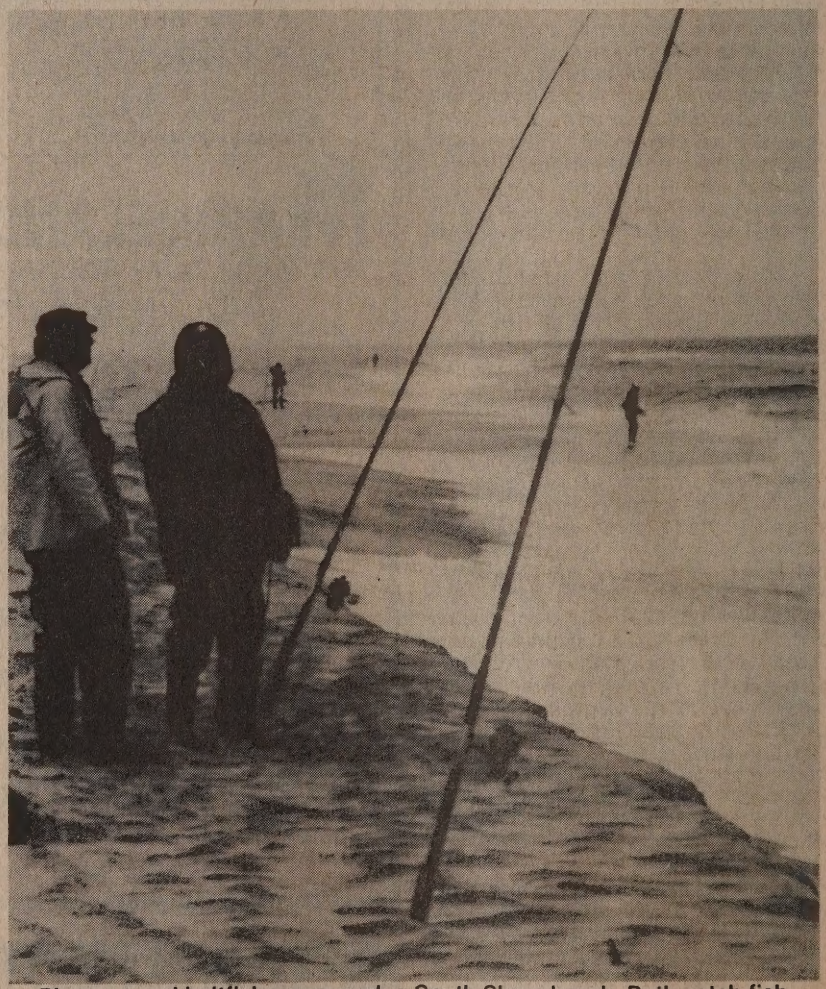
Those of you who have been following this series of articles that goes back in time a few years, will recognize immediately that a word had been left out of the title. The original title read "Confessions of a Novice Baitfisherman." Happily, I'm not a novice any more. Indeed, I'm not the best there is either, but I have worked at my craft and I believe that I have learned a lot and execute the appropriate skills quite well. Hell, if you don't believe me, ask John Fritz or several other well known surf fishermen who have seen me in action. I ain't great, but I'm getting better every year.

You'll perhaps recall from previous segments in the series, that had it not been for John Fritz I would still be a purist. He stole me away from plugs and stirred my interest in baitfishing. And it's a damn good thing that he did, because in recent years some of the best blues (on a consistent basis) have been taken on bait. Now, I don't fish bait exclusively. I still fish artificials from May into September, although I have a suspicion that in the years ahead a surf fisherman will have to use bait in the early months of the season, too, to catch quality fish. However, for now, I still prefer the artificials in the early part of the year.

Yet, in the last four years or so there have been a lot of big blues around from September through much of November. These blues will hit plugs and tins at times—in fact, in blitz porportions. I've even witnessed several times when bait didn't work at all and plugs were the ticket. Such odd events do take place, but cleary they are the exception rather than the rule. However, what to do on those dead days when there isn't enough wind, wave action, or cloud cover to stimulate a solid feeding (save the letters, there are exceptions to this, too)? I have found that big fish can be taken consistently under the above conditions if one uses bait.

Perhaps I'm getting a wee bit ahead of myself. I haven't yet explained the reason for this article. In that sense, perhaps, I have violated a cardinal rule of writing. Well then, let's get to it.

You've heard of any number of nicknames pinned on surf fishermen. These names are usually given in respect and affection. There's the "Professor," the nickname tacked onto the late Jack Frech, for example. Jack was one of the best; an innovator and a very smart surf fisherman. There are several other nicknames rumbling about on the beach that don't have the distinguished ring of "Professor," but they are used affectionately nonetheless. Perhaps you've heard of "Clam Belly Tony" or "Charlie Tuna." If you have, you may also know these experienced surf fishermen.



Pluggers and baitfishermen work a South Shore beach. Both catch fish, but baitfishermen often catch bigger specimens.

So, let me tell you what happened to me this fall and how and why I may end up with a new nickname. I kind of liked "Doc" (reference to my Ph.D. title of Doctor) and I'm not sure I want a new nickname.

It was mid-October and during a pretty good nor'easter we had big blues all over the beach. Now, if you fished at one angle you pretty much had the wind at your back or side, while if you fished another angle the 30 to 40 mile an hour wind resisted both your body and your plug. Oh,

yes, we were all plug fishing and the blues ate them eagerly. We started about 8 or 9 AM and except a lull around the change of the tide, we took fish steady. It was a great day on bluefish, the kind you remember a long time. About 3:30 PM, with the tide almost at ebb slack, the fish seemed to stop and everybody started wandering out of the water figuring that the blitz was over.

I must point out that I choose to fish the hard angle; that is, more or less into the wind. It was too crowded the other way and too many tangled lines and crossed lines. I had the other approach all to myself—for the most part. However, after almost seven solid hours of casting into that wind and fighting fish against those waves, I discovered upon making a cast that I was unable to lift my right arm above my shoulder to cast properly. The plug left the rod tip on the cast, but then fizzled and dropped in the water barely 20 feet in front of me. I had two choices: either stop fishing or change to bait wherein I'd make many fewer casts and save the pain for later.

I walked up onto the beach and changed my terminal rigging from wire leader and plug to a fish finder rig and sinker for bottom fishing. I baited up with a chunk of fish and walked back down to the water. Now they saw me and started to heckle.

"Look at this! The fish will take plugs and he's going over to bait."

"What happened to the purist?"

"I never thought I'd see this day."

These and many more remarks greeted me as I made my way to the water. I tried to explain about my arm and the pain, and that just made matters worse. I guess they thought I was inventing excuses to bait fish. However, I'm not the kind of guy who is easily bothered by good-natured ribbing, so I plodded on down to the water. Before I made my first cast I looked back to see a group of hard surf fishermen leaning on their rods with smiling faces and several were pointing at me with extra big smiles. One saw that I was looking his way and reached behind himself for a beach chair.

"Would you like me to bring this down to you, old fella?" he said sarcastically.

I persevered. I made that cast and before I could take the slack out of the line, I had a pick-up. Now remember, the fishing had slowed to a crawl and no fish had been taken on plugs for almost an hour. In a few minutes I beached a 16 pound blue. By the time I unhooked, weighed and released that fish, they were all back in the water again—but they were still throwing plugs with no results. By the time I re-baited and trudged back down to the water, a few had already given up again in the belief that my fish was a fluke (no pun intended). I cast out again and once again the rod went down within minutes.

Well, my friends, they weren't laughing any more. They weren't making fun of me any more, either. No, they were rushing back to their tackle to make the switch to bait. Several anglers hadn't brought bait and they began to scrounge around for a few stray pieces. Yes, sir, my supposed silliness in switching to bait had been forgotten—temporarily. You see, a few days later when the fish weren't too cooperative I went to bait immediately and the catcalls went flying immediately too. I defused the situation a little by diverting attention to John Fritz who was on the beach with me. I pointed out that it was all John's fault since he got me started in baitfishing. They joked with John while I made my getaway to the water's edge.

Anyway, it is now generally accepted that I prefer to fish bait first, and that indeed I will fish bait first. Of course, you and I know this isn't true, but I've given up the idea of convincing them otherwise. I go along with the whole thing because it's all in fun and as long as I keep dragging big fish on the beach you can call me almost anything.

Now to the nickname. "Clam Belly Tony" prefers to fish with clam bellies, hence his name. So since I prefer mackerel over eels and bunker it was a natural that someone would come up with "Mackerel Willie." Like I said, I prefer "Doc," but basically you can call me anything as long as you don't call me late for the fish!

Now to more meaty business. What have I learned this year? Here is a brief rundown for your amusement. I learned that frozen bait sometimes simply will not stay on the hook. That can be true even if the frozen bait is in good condition. I've also learned that big blues can be consistent finicky feeders. On almost every occasion this fall, the fish would pick the bait up and not run off. Frequently one would have to wait several minutes before the fish began to move off with the bait and even then not rapidly. Because of this, even fish that we had toyed with for three or four minutes were only lip-hooked. Can't figure it out. Obviously, they were hungry and wanted to eat, but why did they keep the bait at the edge of their mouths. Blues are supposed to be the wolves of the sea—right?

I have also learned not to re-use a wire hook leader that has been frayed because the second fish will almost always bite through. Also obviously, the second fish will feel like the biggest fish as it gets away!

I have also learned not to walk down the beach slope to cast when the sea is real rough. I almost bought the ranch one day doing this at Smith Point Park. The ocean didn't look too bad until I found myself skiing down the slope towards the dropped off lip as a wave receded. I'll not be quick to do that again.

Well, I can't wait until this fall. What new bait fishing experiences await me? I don't know, but I'm sure of one thing. The anticipation is a significant part of the fun!

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TAKING BETTER FISHING PHOTOS

by Ray Hendrickson

"Dead men tell no tales," said pirates of yore, and the same may be said for the vast majority of fishing and marine photography. Sure, a few snapshots of the boat at the dock are nice to have—but can they possibly compared to a shot taken under way, quartered against a setting sun? Can dock pilings and murky water breathe life into a picture akin to whitecaps and a curling bow wave?

Fish? That's where far too many anglers miss the boat—literally! Granted, a snap of that trophy hanging on the scale may serve to kindle memories, as will the shot of those three dozen bass spread on the dock (you need a photo to remember that?), but can any of these compare to a photo of a marlin being boated—glistening in ever-changing hues? And what if you had a shot of that last jump when the leader was nearly two-blocked? I'll bet you'd scrap those shots of dead bass for just a few pictures of them being brought in on that last wave, framed in breakers and foam-speckled sand.

Why doesn't the average angler shoot pictures where the action is, photographs that tell the story **as it happens?** For three basic reasons: he's afraid of losing or ruining his camera, or just plain tired of clicking off shots that are generally over-exposed and blurred. Thirdly, he's simply too darned busy fishing. The latter is a matter of how much an individual is willing to sacrifice, a personal decision that brooks no outside interference—and don't think it isn't a major hurdle for every outdoor writer. (Scarcely more than a year ago I spent a week in the tropics surrounded by marlin, and never picked up a rod—but I'll make up for it the next time!)

[illegible] for protecting a valuable camera [illegible] attention to a few details all but precludes catastrophe. Rule number one: **never** pick up a camera without immediately hanging the strap around your neck and be darned sure the strap and its attachments are sound. If the camera came with a leather case, leave it home. If you're going to buy a new camera where the case is extra, save some bucks. Seldom, if ever, will you see a professional with anything but a bare camera. It's too easy to leave the leather on the camera, forgetting to remove it and clean out salt specks and dirt. With a bare unit, it easily becomes second nature to wipe it clean—frequently. Too, there are less attachment points between your neck and the camera. And without a case there isn't any possibility of the leather floating up in front of the lens just as the shutter clicks (it can happen even with an SLR when action is hot and heavy).

Rule number two is equally, if not more, paramount: never put a camera down where it can fall to a lower level, where anything can fall on it, or where it's subject to water and hot sun. I had a Nikon hit the deck from atop a console one day, and although that detracts from many pictures. Yes, it is another reflective surface with which to contend, but that's less of an evil than a scratched lens. The sunshade will more than compensate by blocking errant rays, so all in all,

Ignore automatic flash settings at night. Set the flash manually and the electric eye won't be fooled by empty dark areas in the scene.

Just about everything is out of focus except the angler—but isn't that what leads the scene?

there's no reason for not keeping both on the lens.

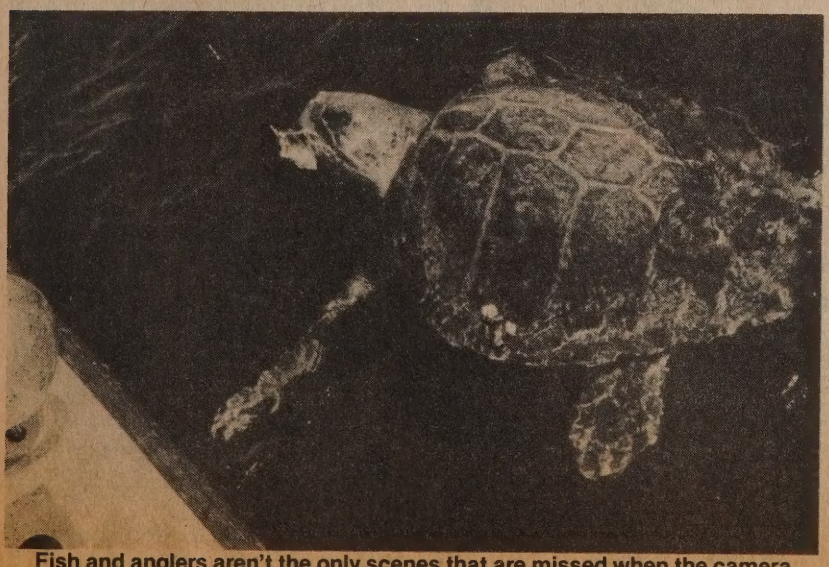
You'll likely find manufacturers balking at this next suggestion, but I'll stay out on my limb, regardless. After a session on the water, **carefully** wipe the camera and any accessories with an old, clean, handkerchief **slightly** dampened with WD-40—but not the lens, eyepiece or filter. I've yet to get in trouble with this routine, and I'll hazard more than a guess that I've saved a bit.

As to why photographs taken on the water are frequently blurred or overexposed, the camera may have a lot to do with it. The majority of 110 automatics, pocket cameras, if you like, do not have sufficently rapid shutter speed for marine work. Anything else than 1/250th invites trouble aboard a boat, and any time conditions permit, damage was scant, I'll never ever, ever, make that mistake again. Still, the camera should be ready for instant use, not locked up in a vault.

It requires only minimal effort to provide a safe place on your own boat. A drawer **in** the console, or a bin screwed to a bulkhead in the cuddy, or under the hard top, serves well. Line the compartment with 1/4 inch urethane foam—with the skin toward the camera—to thwart shocks and preclude crumbs of foam from working into camera crevices. When on someone else's boat, carry your gear in a small plastic tackle box with foam cemented inside; also a good method when working the beach.

If the camera will accept them, keep a skylight filter and sunshade on the lens at all times. A scratched filter can be replaced for a heck of a lot less than the lens. A sunshade might just absorb that inadvertent impact that would surely send the lens to the repair shop. The filter hasn't any impact upon exposure settings, and tends to chop out some of the haze

Had this shot been exposed to portray the faces, the fish would have been wiped out—along with the picture's value.



Fish and anglers aren't the only scenes that are missed when the camera stays in the car.

1/500th is safer. Not only do we have to contend with moving subjects, we also must fight with our rocking platform and engine vibrations. Never brace the camera against the boat. It only compounds the problem. Better to slightly flex the knees, brace the camera against your cheek and **try** (that's all you can do) to squeeze off your shots during those brief instants when boat motion peaks; the end of a pitch or roll, not during.

Poor focusing probably accounts for more blurring than slow shutters, and again, small automatics (save for some top-of-the-lines) leave scant options. Fixed-focus cameras are exactly that: fixed. They're sharp at one particular distance, and relatively sharp from there on out. Inside that point, some blurring is inevitable. Those incorporating symbols (head and shoulders, mountain peak, etc.) are improvements, but still lack facility. Even a mediocre 35mm single lens reflex, where the scene is seen through the taking lens, is better than fixed focus; and the larger format does wonders for overall clarity.

"Yeah, but even then, how you can twiddle with the lens to focus when in the middle of a fire drill?" That's an uncommonly common question, and the answer is zone focusing. Look at the color coding on the lens barrel—read the instruction manual. For any selected f-stop there is a range of distance within which the picture will be acceptably sharp. You'll have a reasonable idea, as the fight progresses, where the fish is going to break water, and the focus can readily be altered by estimating the distance. If the foreground is more important (cockpit action, for example) than what's behind the zone, bias the zone for the short end. If distance is more salient, lean that way. Every shot won't come out perfect, but the odds will be on your side.

One factor that immediately increases depth of field (the length of that zone) is a wide angle lens. Particularly when light is poor and apertures must be opened, narrowing the depth of field, a wide angle lens provides the maximum depth. And there's another reason for using wide angles—you don't have to step back as far to get the picture—and that's extremely important on a boat unless you float well!

I made the same mistake that nearly everyone does when buying their first auxiliary lens. The "water is bluer" syndrome prevails—but 90 percent of the action is close to the boat and 70 percent of that is **in** the cockpit—and most boats are not big enough to capture it with a normal lens. And focusing? Set a 28mm lens for five feet at f/11 and you'll come up with everything sharp between three and close to ten feet.

Washed out (overexposed) photographs are the bane of marine photography unless precautions are adhered to. Automatic exposure cameras are particularly vulnerable, and

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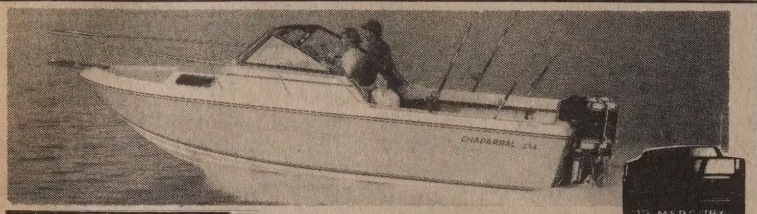

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sure losers when shooting toward the sun. Nor can built-in light meters be trusted on the water. As Alan Weitz, the finest pro I've ever met, says, "They lie!" The solution for anyone serious about exposures with good color saturation is to use an incident light meter; measuring the light falling **on** a subject, not the light reflected from it. And on top of that—with experience in your hip pocket—you'll stop down as much as two full stops from the reading.

Ideally, shots should be bracketed (particularly with color) to assure getting one with perfect exposure—but try telling a jumping fish to do a re-take, or your buddy to gaff that mako real slowly! Still, whenever the chance is there, shoot one frame either side of what you think is perfect. If there's time for only one extra squeeze, go for the larger opening.

Having gone over attempts at the perfect focus and exposure, let's back-track a moment and examine the value of "imperfect" pictures. Many an award-winning photo is founded upon blurring and extreme contrast in exposure. Look at some photos with the cockpit crew slightly blurred and background indefinite—but the breaking fish frozen in mid-air. The emphasis is precisely where it should be, without confusing the eye with too much to look at.

And back-lighted pictures (shot looking directly into the sun) are among the most dramatic if purposely underexposed. Rather than being washed out, the sea sparkles, reflecting the chroma in the sky. The sun appears alive and vibrant. The subject, whether fish, crew or another boat, usually comes out practically silhouetted with scant detail in the shadows—but the picture always thrills.

Although automatics with fixed apertures take exposure control away from the user, they can be fooled. When it's patently evident that the built-in exposure meter is going to be duped by a bright seascape, try this: set the film speed index dial one stop faster than the film being used. I've done this innumerable times with a Fujica HD and it's paid off handsomely.

In fact, this camera deserves particular mention. Although it's certainly not in the same class as the famed Nikonos underwater camera, the decidedly less expensive Fujica is waterproof down to three feet. I've used it that deep when snorkeling, stuck it right into breakers in the high surf, shot shipwrecks when the dunes were being blown away—and simply hosed it off or washed it under the kitchen tap. Provided one watches exposure criteria and fools it a bit when required, this 35mm with integral flash can be the answer for those fearing to risk more sophisticated cameras at sea.

Now, with these suggestions, don't you think it's worth missing a turn at the rod to capture real memories?

THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

(1) THE FRESHWATER BLACK BASS IS A SUNFISH AND THE SALT/FRESHWATER WHITE PERCH IS A BASS.

TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐

ANSWERS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

(2) THE BIGGEST FLUKE ARE CAUGHT BY DRIFTING ☐ CHUMMING ☐ TROLLING ☐

BY FRED GUARDINEER

(3) MOST FISH ARE ABLE TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN COLORS AND THE FAVORITE SEEMS TO BE...

RED ☐ YELLOW ☐ GREEN ☐

(4) WHAT DANGEROUS CHARACTERISTICS DO MUSKELLUNGE, SHARKS AND BLUEFISH HAVE IN COMMON?

(5) VIBRATIONS CAN KILL WORMS CARRIED IN A CONTAINER ON A TRIP IF THE BAIT BOX IS NOT CUSHIONED AND IS ALLOWED TO BOUNCE A BIT.

TRUE ☐ FALSE ☐

(6) TARPON ARE AN ATLANTIC FISH SO HOW COME I WAS ABLE TO CATCH A COUPLE IN THE PACIFIC OFF THE COAST OF PANAMA? *WHERE DID THEY COME FROM, A SUBSCRIBER ASKS?*

1-TRUE. 2-TROLLING AT LOW THROTTLE 1½ TO 2 MPH. 3-YELLOW. 4-ALL THREE OF THESE FISH WILL DELIBERATELY TRY TO BITE YOU WHILE THEY ARE LYING DYING IN YOUR BOAT. 5-TRUE. 6-TARPON WERE ABOUT THE FIRST FISH TO CROSS FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL. SINCE THEY ARE AT HOME IN BOTH SALT AND FRESHWATER THEY WERE NOT STOPPED BY FRESHWATER GATUN LAKE AS ARE MOST MARINE FISHES COMING THROUGH THE WATERWAY.

PORTRAIT OF A BERGALL

by Matt Ahern

Much maligned by the blackfish crowd, this pint size member of the wrasse family does have its virtues.

One day last fall while blackfishing off the west breakwater at Shinnecock Inlet, my attention was diverted to a nearby sinker bouncer who had caught a small bergall. This dubious achievement was immediately greeted by raucous jeers and guffaws from neighboring fishermen.

The chagrined angler ruefully glanced my way and complained: "Cripes! No matter where I fish, I catch bergalls."

Although actually innocent and undeserving of the many harsh words hurled its way, the bergall (**Tautogolabrus adsperus**) has always been the bane of sport fishermen, especially so for the fisherman who has blackfish on his mind. It's a fact, too, that any sinker bouncer who can outwit the bergall is not only a good fisherman, he's a miracle worker.

So, with this in mind, let us look a bit at this toothy industrious fish whose only friend seems to be the bait supplier.

In many localities local fish are known by more than one name, and the bergall is no exception. Should a beginner hear fishermen say all they got last time out was a mess of cunners, they should refrain from sharpening hooks in the anticipation of new fishing horizons. Cunner is the name given to the bergall by most New Jersey and New England fishermen.

Bergalls belong to the wrasse family, some of whose members are those exotic, colorful fish of Florida reefs. They are also closely related to the blackfish and where one is found, there you will find the other. Seldom do blackfish outnumber bergalls on the same fishing grounds.

While blackfish color is predominantly black or brown, it is difficult to describe the many-hued bergall. Shades of green, blue, yellow and brown are common, but at any time one may be caught that is peppered with black spots, or have dark bars running over the sides. Occasionally one will be dark red or bright green.

Many years ago, U.S. Fishery scientists Bigelow and Welsch said of these fish: "To describe the color of the cunner is to list all the colors of the bottom on which it lives, it being one of the most variable of fishes."

Food is always a problem for all fish, but where the bergall is concerned anything that lives in its environment is grist to its mill. Its natural food consists of mussels, barnacles, shrimp, infant clams, all marine worms, fish eggs, and any young fish they can handle, including its own. They are highly destructive to young lobsters.

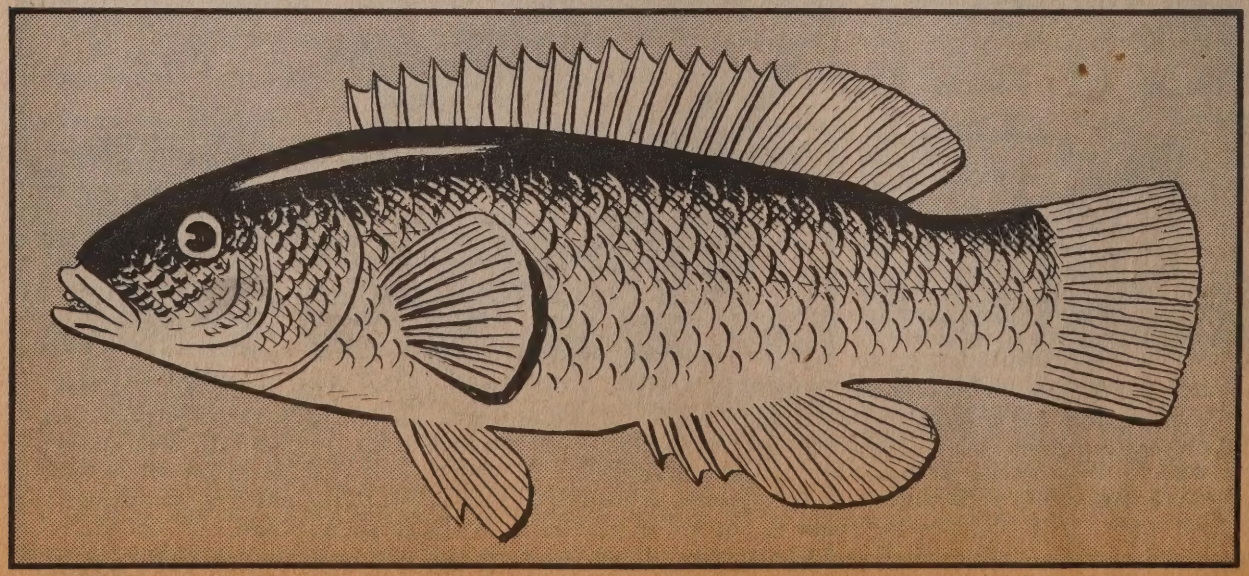
Most fishermen agree that where bergalls are found, it is just about impossible not to catch them. I believe thereby lies the reason bergalls are villified and maligned, for many anglers feel any fish this easy to catch isn't worth the effort. Surprisingly, though, bergalls are often purposely fished for by veteran and novice alike. They are a great fun fish for kids. Bergalls are not only good eating and good sport on light tackle, but provide a sure way to hone fishing skills.

Bergalls caught close to shore are usually small, rarely exceeding eight inches in length, but throughout the deep water of Long Island Sound and on ocean grounds, they will often reach 1½ pounds—sometimes more. Some fishermen claim a weight of three pounds is attained, but I've never seen one this size. One area noted for harboring outsized bergalls is the 17 Fathom Bank off New Jersey.

While the spawning ritual of its cousin the blackfish is over by June's end, as a rule, the bergall's breeding season runs throughout the summer from June to September. Blackfish eggs seem to do well in temperatures of 68 to 72 degrees, but bergall spawn suffers heavily should temperatures drop below 70 degrees.

Spawnings which occur later in the season when the water is warmest, meet with more success. But even then, these delicate eggs are still not in the clear as at any time abnormally cold currents can wreak havoc. The bergall has a tough time of it, but enough survive to foster the species and pester the life out of dyed-in-the-wool bottom fishermen in search of blackfish, porgies, sea bass, and cod.

Because of their notorious bait-



stealing habits, bergalls are not well regarded by the average fisherman, but they are far from being a trash fish. Many years ago, bergalls supported a small but prosperous commercial fishery—particularly throughout New England where the average bergall is larger. To the present day, a demand still exists which is satisfied by a few hard-working commercial fishermen who employ large, especially constructed fish traps over choice areas.

Many fishermen, including myself, have found bergalls to be a fine food fish, the meat being sweet and flaky. Because small bergalls are too bony to compensate for the effort involved, good-sized fish are required to make it worthwhile. When large bergalls are caught, interested fishermen should save a few and try them. They are easily prepared and best when turned into fillets. Whole pan-fried bergalls are delicious, too.

To prepare whole fish for the pan, it is best to skin them. Bergall scales are nearly as tough to remove as those on blackfish. Remove the head and then cut along both sides of the dorsal fin, then around each side of the anal fin the vent. Make a shallow inward cut at the aft section of each fin and then grasp with the aid of a rag or newspaper strip and lift the fin out. The skin, when started at the shoulder, peels off easily.

If you'd rather fillet, remove the head, but don't bother to skin or lift out the fins. Slice the meat from the sides, following the contour of the fish, and remove. Then make a cut through the meaty side of the fillet to the skin, about a half-inch in from the tail end. Hold the knife there and pull the skin toward you with sideway motions against the slightly beveled knife blade. Takes but seconds.

I don't know if it is necessary to tell any fisherman how to catch bergalls as these fish seem to have an affinity for committing suicide, but rigging is the same as for blackfish. The best bait is skimmer—or any type of clam. Conch is a fine bait as its leather-like toughness makes rebaiting less frequent. As for hooks, any of the short-shanked varieties ranging from #6 for inshore fishing to a 1/0 for the larger offshore fish will be found to be satisfactory. It will take a little experience to get the feel for the exact instant to sink the hook—bergalls aren't called bait-stealers without good reason. But this acquired skill is sure to help develop a sensitive feel fo more wary fish.

And don't forget, too, the successful blackfisherman is the one who has learned to distinguish between the bite of the speedy bergall and the no-nonsense approach of the desired quarry.

It behooves all sinker bouncers to learn to live with the bergall. You may be certain that, for better or worse, the bergall will always be with us. Why—some bottom fishermen may even find the bergall isn't such a bad fellow after all.

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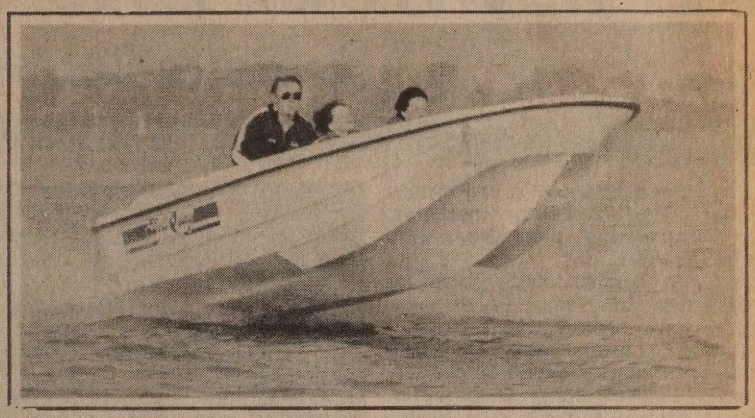

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GIVE BLUEFISH SOME LIP

by Pete Barrett

Big plugs with deep diving lips get down to the feeding level of bluefish.

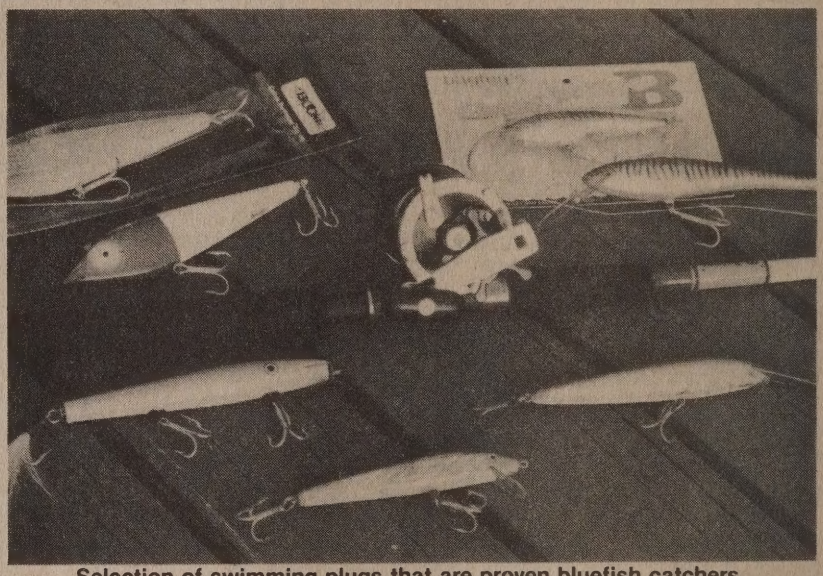
"Let's try one of these," my friend said as he pulled a huge mackerel colored swimming plug from his tackle box.

What the heck; the action on these bluefish was slow today and it sure couldn't hurt. Nylons, single tubes, spoons and even venerable and proven umbrella rigs were only picking away at a few early season June blues. "Okay, let's give it a try. Bring in that center line and let's see what the plug can do."

The plug was a Bagley's "Bang-O" lure, a super sized version of what freshwater bass fishermen use all the time for largemouth bass, muskies and big trout. Needless to say, it worked—and on that slow day it worked well.

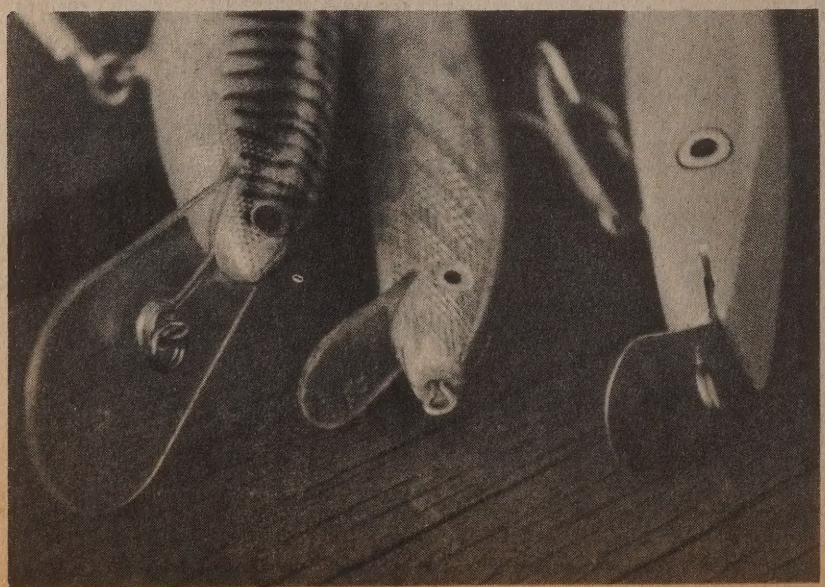
Perhaps it was the vibrations of the fast wiggling action, perhaps the flashy colored paint job, perhaps just coincidence—whatever it was, it did work and scored on over two dozen blues in the next four hours of trolling, while the more traditional lures caught only a few fish.

My experience with big plugs was usually with striped bass back in the days of big bass off the Hook, when the Danny Plug, Creek Chub Pikie (with head shaved down and flattened for better action), Atom 40 and Gibbs bottle swimmer were hot lures. We used gold colored, rainbow, blueback and all black colors to fool some decent fish. With the down-slide of bass fishing in these waters, I hadn't really bothered with plugs for several years and most of my old favorites were decorating the basement work area where I keep the tackle.



Selection of swimming plugs that are proven bluefish catchers.

Since that first day of a re-introduction to plugs by my buddy, I've been fooling around with them more and more and on some days the plugs have made a significant difference in the number of fish boated. You know how it is; some days they want nothing but tubes, the next they switch to spoons. I've seen some days when they didn't want either of those lures and that's the time a big, deep diving plug made a world of difference.



Close-up view of plastic and metal lip. Plug action is governed by shape and bend of lip.

You can fish deep diving plugs on either monofilament or wire, downriggers or planers, depending your preference of fishing method.

On straight mono, deep divers will work down to a depth of about 15 feet, making them ideal to fish in places like South Shore inlets, the shoals of L.I. Sound, the edges of New York Bight's Flynn's Knoll and Romer Shoal off of Sandy Hook and along the ocean beaches in 15 to 30 feet of water, In these areas, bluefish will frequently be marked on the recorder at ten to twenty feet of depth—a perfect range for a deep diving plug.

The problem with using straight mono is that the plug will not reach down any deeper. In fact, if you let out more mono thinking that will allow the plug to work deeper you will actually cause the lure to rise higher! The monofilament has a certain buoyancy and will tend to float, plus the water resistance against the diameter of the line will also cause it

to float or rise. To get deeper, you must use planers, downriggers or wire line.

I like wire line because it is simple to use. With the 300 feet of wire on the reel you should be able to reach a depth of at least 30 feet; less if you put out less wire, so wire will take you to the next depth range beyond using straight mono. The built-in diving action of the lure will again cause the lure to dig down, so you can expect to reach at least another 15 feet of extra depth for a total of 45 feet trolling depth.

Planers will also run approximately the same depths as the wire, the actual depth you reach dependent on the size of the planer you use and the trolling speed. Once again, the lure will tend to dive deeper than the planer will run, but you are restricted on how far the plug will run because of the length of the leader between the plug and the planer itself. A very long leader will allow the plug to run its extra 15 feet of depth, a short leader will cause it to run less deep. Most fishermen who like to use planers will use a leader length of 20 to 50 feet, whatever length they feel the most comfortable with.

To go down the deepest, downriggers are the answer. With a downrigger you can fish down to 120 feet or more. Keep in mind that the deeper you go, the harder it is to set the hook in a bluefish with light tackle, so at extreme depths you will probably get more solid hook-ups using 30 pound test line.

Once again the lure's natural diving ability will add extra depth, but just like with the planer, the length of the dropback from the ball to the lure will restrict the diving ability.

Deep divers like the Bagleys, Rapala, Rebel and Danny Plug work deep on their own action. Other lures made by the same manufacturers will also work well when fished on wire, planers or downriggers which take even shallow swimmers to whatever depth you may want to reach. Other shallow runners like the Bomber "A" plus, Bagley standard Bang-O Lure, Rebel and others will appeal to blues.

You can tune up your plugs so they work better or if damaged by a fish, they can be repaired. When using heavy tackle it is very possible to have a bluefish pull so hard that the eye of the plug gets bent out of shape. I've had blues thrash on the deck so wildly that they slammed the plug against the deck again, bending the eye of the plug. Bent eyes cause bad swimming actions.

For this reason it is important to visually check the lure before you put it back into the water. Once in the water and streaming behind the boat, hold it short in the wake or alongside the boat to check it for good swimming action. If it is turning sideways, spinning or sliding off far to the left or right, it needs a quick tune-up.

Traditional fisherman's pliers will work okay, but for finer tuning a pair of small needle nose pliers like modelers use to pick up tiny pieces wil work much better.

The basic tune-ups would be: bend the eye to the right if you want the plug to swim to the right. Bend it left to swim left. Bend it up to make it swim deeper; down to make it swim more shallow. Remember that right or left corrections need the eye to be bent slightly in the same direction; up or down corrections need an opposite correction.

The adjustments should be slight. It is not unusual that a very small adjustment will be amplified when the lure is put back in the water. It's better to make two or more small adjustments rather than one overzealous adjustment that may cause the plug to now swim badly in an opposite direction.

Deep divers work on other fish, too, not just bluefish. Over the last several years I've seen swimmers used for weakies in Delaware Bay, and off north Jersey's Sandy Hook. Divers have been used off the shallow waters of Old Orchard Shoal for weakfish by Staten Island fishermen with good success in the early evening hours.

An unusual species to be caught on deep divers is fluke, but John Shaffer, whom I met at one of our winter Workshops showed a sample of a deep diver he used trolling for big fluke in the deeper thoroughfares on Great Bay in places like the deep water near the fish factory. He used a freshwater sized Bagley's Diving "B" that weighed 11/16 ounces in yellow color, model #DB3. He claimed to have caught several decent sized fluke on these plugs and had photos to prove it. The lures he showed me were well used and scarred by battles with many fish. His largest catch was a 7 lb. 4 oz. fluke in the 1982 season; a 6 lb. 13 oz. fluke in 1983.

The deep divers come in both wood and plastic. The wooden plugs like the Rapala and Bagley's are works of art. Despite the toothy devastation of bluefish I have plugs of both manufacturers that have stood up to numerous blues. They are getting beat up, no doubt about it, but they have also taken many fish.

Plastic lures will be more durable, but some anglers claim they leak water which hinders their swimming action. A solution here is paint the seams of the lure and the lip attachment areas with a coat of clear epoxy to help seal it. I've never experienced any major problem with leakers, but it can happen.

The wooden plugs won't leak but will eventually get chewed up. The plastic lures will hold up longer, but may leak. You pays your money and you takes your choice. They both catch fish, that's the most important consideration.

As mentioned in the beginning, deep divers won't replace all the other bluefish lures. Each lure will have its day and place when it will outfish the other lures, so the smart bluefish troller will have each type in his arsenal of tackle.

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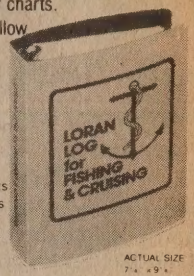

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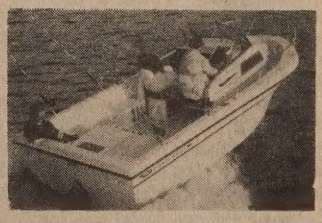

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SEARCHING OUT MORICHES BAY FLUKE

by Gerald Hahn

Hordes of fluke take up summer residence over some prime South Shore real estate.

During the month of June, migrating fluke move through the south shore inlets and spread out like wall-to-wall carpeting in a mansion. These flatfish, also known as summer flounder, have a kind of time-sharing plan with their winter relatives, the blackback flounder, who were renting choice bay spots in April and who will return again in October. Some squatters remain all summer. At any rate, this arrangement satisfies everyone, including fishermen.

Fishing for the summer residents, however, is not the same as fishing for the winter breed. In the first place, fluke are not easily evicted from their turf. Having paid the rent in spawn, they are now aggressive and surprisingly swift. Fluke are fond of building co-ops along the edges of channels and condominiums near sand bars. Here they bury themselves in the basement and wait for helpless trespassers among the local baitfish population to be swept to them by strong currents. Fluke are also known to take a flat in the sand flats.

This varied kind of real estate is found in nearly every bay on the south shore. Moriches Bay is a prime example and an area with which I am most familiar. Moriches Bay has an inlet in the center that leads to an extensive flat. The parcel ends at the Coast Guard Station on the north side and at Seatuck Cove on the northeast. Two cuts around undeveloped property, a nameless island on the bay side of the inlet, provide channels for migrating fluke. After the hurricane of '81, this property increased in size at the expense of Westhampton Beach. Two other channels in Flatfish Alley have clearly marked property lines: buoys 36 to 43 in the east end and the paired buoys 20/21 and 24/25 in the west end.

The best way to explore these properties for resident fluke is to drift for them in a private or rental skiff. The boat is moved to the upcurrent end of a prime fluke locale, and the engine is turned off. In Moriches Bay, drifts generally run east on the incoming tide and west on the outgoing tide. The incoming tide, however, is often accompanied by gentle ocean breezes directing boats northeast. Variable winds, of course, play havoc with these courses, and the unwary angler who insists on drifting over a choice piece of real estate may wind up in a flophouse full of weeds.

This nice fluke was taken along the edge of a channel in Moriches Bay.

Drifting is effective because it covers more prime territory than when fishing at anchor. It is also better because fluke are fond of mobile meals. As soon as a fluke takes the offering, the angler stakes a claim by tossing a marker over the side. He may also note pertinent landmarks in the vicinity. Subsequent drifts are then shortened over the valuable acreage. For there is no point surveying other waters when a fish has been found only a half-acre from the starting point.

The offering, a natural bait or an artificial lure sweetened with bait, is calmly trailed behind the drifting boat. Sufficient movement is provided by the current. Lures, however, may also be cast diagonally ahead of a drifting boat, and periodically twitched along the bottom. Either way, fluke will be eager to leave their sites when the dinner bell rings.

Tools for evicting summer resident fluke should be light. A 6 or 7 foot spinning rod matched with a small reel comparable to the Penn 450 spooled with 10 pound test is adequate. The bottom is seldom explored with weights exceeding an ounce. A baitcasting outfit of comparable size is just as effective.

Fluke like to dine well when touring the bays. On occasion, I have successfully tempted them with sea-worms and skimmers. Their favorite meals, however, are fish strips, squid and assorted baitfish. Pennant-shaped strips, about 1/2 inch wide by 3 inches long, may be filleted but not skinned from a flounder, menhaden, sea robin, or another fluke. The strips are tough and last longer than some pre-fab houses. Similarly, a strip of squid with the speckled skin removed, will attract numerous fluke. On the baitfish menu, fluke will feast on sand eels, spearing, smelt, live killies and snappers. A squid strip added to all but the last makes an excellent combination platter for fluke.

All strip baits should be hooked once or twice through the wide end so that the long pointy tail flutters in the current. Often discarded squid heads make excellent fluke baits as well, their tentacles undulating in the current like tall grass on an uncut lawn. Sand eels, spearing and smelt are usually rigged through the mouth and out the gill cover and smelt are usually rigged through the mouth and out the gill cover and then near the tail. These frozen baits should be thawed and the remainder stored in a cool place. Many rental stations sell live killies, which are provided with a mobile home of their own—a floating bait box that keeps them frisky. Killies are best hooked lightly through the lips, so that their frantic wriggling is relatively unimpared. Snappers invade fluke territory by late July, and some fishermen catch these squatters and then transfer them alive to their fluke rigs. A lively snapper should be hooked just ahead of the dorsal fin. Dead snappers are also effective, and since they are somewhat larger than the other baitfish mentioned, they may be rigged solely through the head for a better presentation.

A 2/0 beak or claw hook snelled on a three foot leader of 30 pound test is perfectly matched to any of the afore-mentioned baits. Some anglers adorn the hook with chromed flasher blades for eye-catching appeal. One way to rig this hook is to attach it to a dropper loop on the main line about 2 or 3 inches above an end loop for a one ounce bank sinker. Another way involves the use of an egg or worm sinker, the kind with a hole through the center. The sinker is threaded on the fishing line, and then a barrel swivel is tied below it with an improved clinch knot. The other end of the swivel holds the snelled hook. This rig, also called a Florida rig down south and a fishfinder rig up north, keeps the hook in line with the fishing line, like an efficiency apartment with no loose ends. When a fluke leaves its residence and grabs a bait on this rig, the sliding sinker offers little resistance. An inline trolling sinker or a rubber core sinker is rigged the same way, although neither will slide.

Some fishermen add an attic to the first rig, a high hook, even though 90 percent of the fluke prefer the ground floor. Summer weaks and school blues like the upper floors, however, and strays are taken while fluke fishing. Simply connect another snelled hook to a dropper about 40 inches above the bottom hook. Actually, a long leader of 30 pound test should be used for this rig, since the stiffer material will reduce tangles. Connect it to the main line with a three-way swivel and use the third eye for the top snell. Then tie the rest of the rig as mentioned. If a long leader is not available, shorten the top snell to 2 or 2½ feet.

Vacationing fluke, far from their winter residences on the Continental Shelf, are also attracted to artificials, especially 1/2 ounce leadhead bucktails in white and "tin" squids under an ounce, such as a Hopkins or a Kastmaster. All these lures work best when sweetened with a strip of squid and when tied directly to the fishing line with an improved clinch knot. The lures should be worked slowly and close to the bottom.

Some fluke become so enraged when a trespassing bait invades their property, they smash it and set the hook themselves. Others are not so sure of their intention, however, and they are difficult to hook. A faint nibble on the line is a signal to open the bail and create some slack. This usually does the trick. A large landing net is essential unless you want the fish to return to its home rather than yours.

As mentioned, fluke terrain is generally along channels and sand flats. When drifting through a channel, it is best to cross the property line along the slopes. Fluke are usually found at the base of these slopes. If possible, then, try to drift diagonally across a channel, since two slopes are covered. Should the wind or tide take you parallel to a channel, drift along one of its edges rather than in the center. Sand flats pose no specific problems, but if you spot a sand bar, try drifting in the deep water adjacent to it. Fluke must have broken a few zoning laws and building-height codes to establish themselves along the base of sand bars. Lastly, consider the bay side of an inlet, especially in June and September, when fluke begin and end their summer vacations. Specimens close to 20 pounds have been evicted from Moriches Inlet.

Fluke feed almost exclusively in the day, although their favorite hours coincide with tidal changes. Select a day when a tidal change is due early in the morning, and you will benefit from another change later on.

Heavy rains and strong winds are not conducive to productive fluke fishing in the south shore bays. Fluke properties are then cluttered with unkempt lawns of seaweed and other tidal debris. Wait a few days after a storm before planning a trip. Moriches Bay is well supplied with boat rental stations from where you can easily launch an assault on these summertime favorites.

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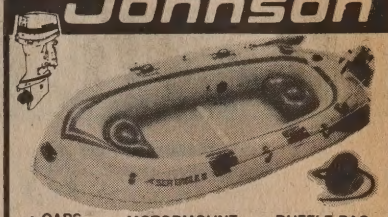

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STATEN ISLAND BLUES

SOME TIPS TO INCREASE YOUR SCORES

by Richard Giessuebel

When the bluefish move into Raritan Bay, many take up residence around Staten Island. They will be found from the Narrows up in the northern end of the island down to Tottenville on the southern shore. These blues will range in weight from a pound or two on up to the giant jumbos going well over 18 pounds. They can be caught off the shore, as well as from a boat. However, the most sure-fire method of landing these fish is by trolling.

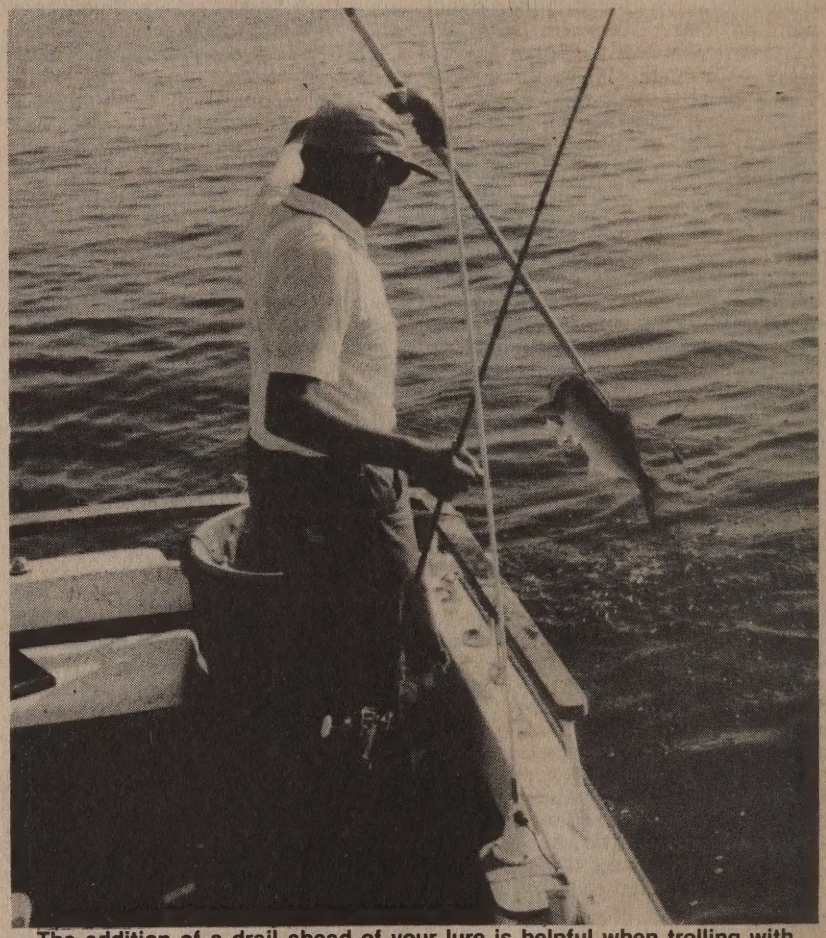
The blues move in around late May and they remain until late November. They can be caught morning, noon, afternoon, evening, and night and really do not have a preference for a particular tide, so fish any time and any tide and you should do all right. Several things that you should keep in mind are tackle, currents, locations, lures and presentations.

As for tackle requirements, forget the heavy gear required to troll wire line out in the ocean. In the Raritan Bay and Lower New York Bay, the depth is usually very shallow. Of course, there are places like under the Verrazano Bridge where wire can be used; but for the most part, flat lines are trolled. Should deeper water be encountered, then a trolling sinker can be added ahead of the lure and the necessity of wire line decreases.

Medium light to medium rods should be used. If the blues are in the one to two pound range, then light tackle is the ticket. Look for rods in the seven foot range. The Magnum-lite by Shimano is an excellent choice. This super light rod could catch small and medium poundage blues all day. It is excellent for trolling, especially when the fish are feeding up on the surface.

For reels, stick with levelwinds. These reels allow you to enjoy the fish and never worry about making sure your line is going on the reel properly. Since you will be fishing light and high in the water, 10 to 14 pound test line is all that is required. Should you go lighter than this, the line will have a tendency to break when lifting the fish into the boat. However, if you employ a short leader, you can fish as light as six pound test. The leader should be long enough so that when you get the fish up to the boat, you will be able to grab the leader and swing the fish onboard. A small homemade gaff also comes in handy.

Gaffs can be made by using 1/2 to 3/4 inch dowl that is cut about 30 inches long. Then, add a large shark hook with the barb hammered down and a gap opening between the shank and the barb of about two inches. Screw the hook onto the dowl and use electrical tape to hold it secure. Now, whenever needed, you will have a cheap, yet handy gaff to boat larger fish.



The addition of a drail ahead of your lure is helpful when trolling with mono.

Locations become the next target area. Where should you troll? Well, you can troll ANYWHERE. The better places have been along the southern shore between Tottenville and Keyport, N.J. Once the tide starts running, or at daybreak, fish in this area begin to feed heavily. They will usually chase baitfish up to the surface and you can see what you are after.

Another good place to troll is along the beaches north of Great Kills Harbor. Simply come out of the harbor, round the jetty and troll northward. The bigger fish will be encountered along this northern route.

Finally, right out in front of the Dental Works in Princess Bay you will find the REACH or Amboys Channel and along it between the channel and the shoreline, blues, weaks and stripers can be trolled.

What lures should you use? This fishery demands several types of lures, but if you had to choose just one, that lure should be a one ounce diamond jig. That's right. Troll a diamond jig! The AVA 007 is an excellent choice. Diamonds with tube

tails are also used. Hot colors last year included red, green and white. Run the diamonds back about 50 feet and slowly cut a curved course until you find the fish. Once located, you can cast to them, or continue to troll in and around where your original strikes were registered.

Other successful lures include Rebels, Rapalas, RedFins and tubes. The Lancer tubes far out-catch the other varieties. The hot Lancer colors last year were red and burgundy. The neutral tubes were coming on strong as the year ended.

You can even fish some light umbrella rigs, however, with the diamonds, total catches exceeding 100 fish can be made, so why add extra hooks? Should you elect to go with a rig on a slow day, then use either green or red tubes. As for your central trailing lure, a red Lancer works wonders.

Presentation with light line only gives you one problem. If the fish are deep, how are you going to get down to them? Well, you can use a trolling weight about four feet ahead of your lure. This will get the lure deep. You can also make certain to troll in a zig-zag course. This will keep some lures diving while others will be climbing. By zig-zagging, you will be able to cover the water up and down, as well as along a particular route.

Another thing to keep in mind is that most days, the blues will be feeding just under the surface. So, getting down, especially in this body of water is not necessary. Keep an eye out for birds working and for fish crashing the surface and when you find that, head for the commotion. You can then troll around the outskirts of the action and the fish should cooperate. NEVER go directly through the center of the feeding fish. Sure, this will catch you a fish, but it may scare them away from the area. Best to troll around the action. This way, you will not spook the fish and you will be able to follow the school of blues wherever they may go.

Another special way to really load up your boat with blues is to always troll into the wind or current. Now, when the fish are first taken, cut your engines and allow your craft to drift. You will drift in the direction of the school of fish and you can now get out the real light tackle and cast lures at the waiting fish. Sometimes with this technique, you only have to make one or two drifts in order to put several hundred fish into the boat. Now, what are you going to do with that many fish—think: you can catch that many, so release or catch what you want, and then go out after some other species.

Fishing around Staten Island can be very productive. Certainly the island isn't hours away. You should spend some time seeking out its secrets, especially in you live in north Jersey. Then, after you have learned your way around, you will be ready to get out there and troll some Staten Island blues.

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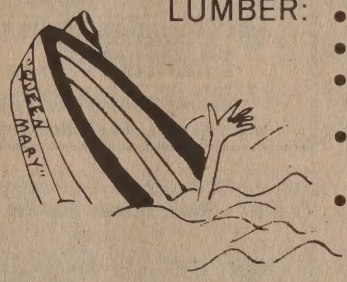

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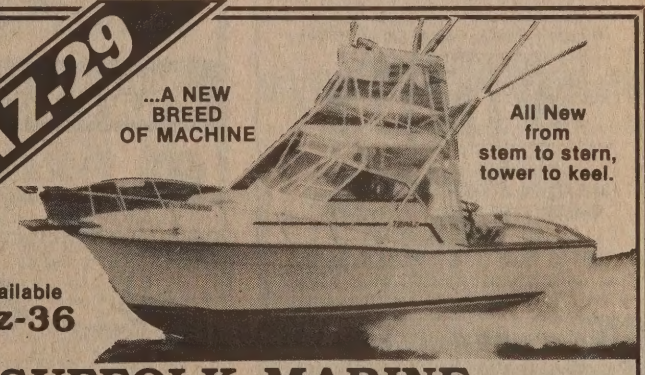

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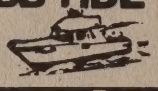

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

Offshore action picked up over Father's Day weekend, with significant shark action—blues, makos, threshers taken. Inshore, however, flounder won't quit, while the first signs of good porgy action occurred just after the full moon. Large bluefish are coming into the area, although small blues have settled in the Peconics. Fluke are appearing in their early spots. This weekend, the question is not whether or not to go fishing, but what to fish for!

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Inshore fishing is providing plenty of action. Porgy action was red hot at Great Eastern, with Lou Rosado and Nick Matkiw catching over 75 of these scrappy fish Sunday morning. Lew remarked that while the Frisbee's seemed to hold few sea bass, the area appeared to be paved with large blackfish.

On Saturday, Isidore Cabioc and Tito Rivera (N.Y. Post) combined sea bass and flounder on the **Alyssa Ann**. Nineteen sea bass to 2 lbs. were taken on the South Side in the morning, while 61 flounder hit clam bait in the afternoon. Captain Bill Ricca reportedly fished near the lighthouse and Culloden Point with slack high water producing the best flounder fishing.

Captain John DeMaio satisfied his half day charter on the **Vivienne** in mid-week with 113 flounder to 3 lbs., fishing local waters near the point. Captain DeMaio will be fishing for porgies starting this weekend. Captain Steven Mauss has a few prime dates open for inshore and offshore charters on **Kraken II**. Call him for dates.

John Miller and Anthony Gambino of Lidenhurst enjoyed a "Big Mack Attack" at Block Island on the **Nostalgia II** while fishing with Jerry McGrath. Captain McGrath feels that fluke will be hot in Ricca's Rip very shortly and will try there next week.

Once again, Captain Zac Grossman brought the first mako shark of the season to gaff. Appropriately, the fish was caught by three oral surgeons: Drs. Ken Legunn, Cliff Melnick and Alex Blanco with John Steinhauer on the **Mako Express**. The shark ate a whole mackerel, took 1½ hours to boat—weighed a whopping 418 lbs.!

Captain Fritz Hubner found the mother lode of blue sharks two days in a row: On Tuesday, Nick Matros of New Jersey and his group caught and released 17 blue sharks, estimated

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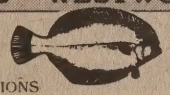
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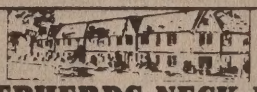

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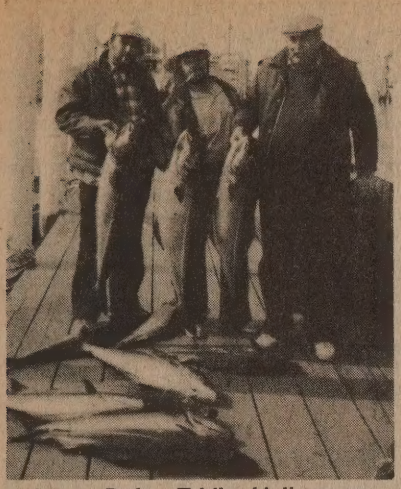

Larry Rufa, Eddie Heilemann and "Big Al" with pollock to 35 lbs. taken aboard the Montauk based "Kellyboat."

weight to 150 lbs., while Wednesday's group on the **Mistress II**, arranged by mike Sauter of Port Washington, caught and released 21 blue sharks. However, on Saturday, Ray Achilli of Scarsdale, single-handedly (his friends didn't show up) fought a thresher for 4 hours, 50 minutes. The fish took a bunker bait, weighed 278 lbs., measure 12' 7'', with the tail accounting for 6½ feet!

According to Captain Mike of the **Montauk**, shark fishing is improving on a daily basis. Friday's charter found 8 blue sharks, estimated weight 125 to 150 lbs., while Sunday's catch was only 1 blue shark. However, the second fish, taking 4½ hours to subdue, was a 328 lb. thresher, caught on a mackerel fillet at the Butterfish Hole. The happy anglers were Rick Ostrowski of New York City and his party.

Captain Mike Bentivegna, Jr. took the **Pronto** to the 40 fathom mark, where on Saturday, Chris Masullo and Bob Kelly of Babylon fought 7 large blue shark. On Sunday, Vincent Triola and party from Brooklyn caught 14 blue shark. On both days, all but three sharks were tagged and released. Captain Mike bled and gutted the sharks immediately, chilled the fillets and put them into the freezer. I will report on how they tasted in a future column. Reportedly, blue shark, treated properly is a gourmet's delight!

Captain Phil Lewis found plenty of blue shark action during the week, however, Sunday's group got lucky. Jeff Becker of Huntington landed a 200 lb. mako after a 40 minute fight on the **Adios**. Captain Lewis feels that mako action has just started with great promise for a spectacular season!

At **Gone Fishing Marina**, Maureen Sennefelder was very excited about diver Glen Yacheckak's 53 lb. striped bass, reportedly taken at the Race on Saturday. Very large flounder were caught at Inner Shagwong and under the Lighthouse over the weekend. Sunday marked significant catches of fluke at the north rips. Earl Johns and his crew on the Compromise caught two large (175 lbs.) blue sharks; while Sal DeMiglio of Port Jefferson caught an 80 lb. brown shark on his first sharking attempt. Bringing him luck was a friend, his wife and the family dog.

Five bigeye tuna were brought into **Star Island Yacht Club** this past weekend. Aaron Fuchs reported twin 110 lb. tuna caught by Peter Rhein on the Sneaky Pete, while Ronald Goldberg landed fish of 110, 200 and 220 lbs. on the Barbar Jack. Block Canyon was the scene of the tuna action. Bobby Brown fished on Diamond Girl 20 miles from the Point where a mako of 187 lbs. was waiting for him!

Many sharks were weighed at **Captain's Cove Marina** over the weekend—mako, blue and thresher. Inshore, bluefish showed south of the Point at Cartright and also the CIA grounds. Mackerel are holding up at the north side of Block Island. Flounder won't quit, with best bait clam belly. Fluke and porgy are starting to show in numbers, according to Joan.

Henry at **Uihlein's Boat Rentals** was quite excited about the weekend's porgy action at Great Eastern. With daybreak providing the hottest

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action, one fisherman caught about 150 porgies using clam bait; the fish were in the 1½ to 2 lb. range. Richard Hokanson and his fishing partner caught 15 beautiful flounder, fishing under the Light on a rental skiff. The fish averaged 3 lbs. each.

Captain Richie Rade will start fluking soon, predicting the action to be red hot in a week or so. In the meantime, the **Marlin IV** is catching a mixed bag of flounder, porgies, sea bass.

The **Little Bear** will switch from flounder to porgies in a week or so, according to Captain Dusty, when the action gets hot.

Very good codfishing on Coxes Ledge has prompted Captain Paul Forsberg to schedule daily 4:30 AM trips starting this weekend. On Saturday, the catch on the **Starlight** was 80 pollock with the pool fish a 35 lb. pollock, the situation reversed Sunday, with 80 percent of the fish taken being cod to 35 lbs. The **Viking Star** with Captain Steve Forsberg has been fishing the rips off Montauk for fluke, with 80 percent keepers. The most recent George's Banks trip on the **Starship** was the most successful of the season, with 20 to 30 fish per person taken. According to Captain Paul, only one hook was allowed, because of all the large double-headers! The catch included 40 cod over 30 lbs., 20 cod over 40 lbs. and 1 dozen wolffish to 30 lbs. Peter Kudiak of Jersey City won the pool with a 51 lb. cow, while Roberg Rogas of Glen cove was second with a 48 lb. cod. Tickets for this Friday's trip are going fast. Call for reservations.

I want to remind you to watch your speedometer when making the last leg of the trip to Montauk as the East End police force is very alert and diligent. The speed limit is being strictly enforced in the villages and hamlets. It would be a shame to start your fishing trip with a speeding ticket. Slow down and watch your speed.

SOUTH FORK

The **Wilhelric II** was hot into big fluke all week, fishing the Sound at Horton's Point. An average of 15 to 20 four to six pound fish per trip have been caught with only about five percent shorts. Pool fluke on Monday: Gary Keys of New York City with an 8 lb. 7 oz. fish. On Tuesday, Kim Parent of Boca Raton , Florida took a 9 lb. 3 oz. fluke, while Norm Reters of Bayport hooked two fluke over 8 lbs. On Wednesday, Bernie of Riverhead enticed a doormat of 9 lb. 8 oz. to his hook! Captain Lach further reported that fluke have shown at Gardiner's Island as evidenced by the excellent catch the Nancy Ann had on Sunday.

Helen Jacobson at **Noyac Marina** reports bluefish all over the bay, with the hotspot at Jessups (buoy 17). Most blues are cocktail size. A few weakfish were brought in as well. Porgies were the catch of the day for Miguel Ayala and his son fishing at Jessups on a rental boat. Largest on the boat was 2 lbs. Helen asked me to inform you that starting this week, the Marina will open at 6AM on weekends, 7AM weekdays.

Chris Salb of Sag Harbor proudly showed off his 5 lb. 10 fluke to Paul Fabiano at the **Bayview Fishing Station**. The fish was caught on a squid and shiner combo bait at Mashomack Point. Outgoing tide appeared to be best for fluke in this area. Porgies were concentrated at Cedar Point (fish up to 2 lbs.) with another concentration at the rock spindles at the entrance to Sag Harbor.

Bottom fishing is still outstanding in Shinnecock Bay. A rental skiff from **Corr's Fishing Station** in Hampton Bays returned with 181 flounder caught Friday in the Basket. The fish weighed 2 to 3 lbs. according to Pete. On Saturday, another rental skiff tried fluking fishing the red buoy outside of the fishing station. The results were two pails of fluke, top weight 4 lbs. Another group found cocktail blues at the Ponquogue Bridge, three coolers full. A fluke of 5 lbs. was taken in the Shinnecock Canal, also on a rental skiff, on Sunday.

Captain Gene Holland took his family fishing on Father's Day on his charter boat **Scoundrel** setting up at the 40 fathom line southeast of Shinnecock. Fifteen year old Laura fought a 150 lb. mako for 45 minutes. Her first shark. It pays to take a kid fishing! Captain Holland reported small brown and blue sharks.

Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Bait and Tackle** spoke of good flounder action in Shinnecock, the Basket area, over the weekend. Small bluefish have settled in at Cormorant Point. A few small blackfish remain among the rocks at Shinnecock Inlet. Although most of the short fluke seem to be at the East Channel, larger fluke have been caught in the inlet. The Canal will provide a lot of fluke action, with a high proportion of shorts, however, stick it out for larger fish, some to 5 lbs. There has been a flurry of bluefish action in the Canal when the locks first open. Thom says that for some reason porgy action in the Peconics was a little slow over the weekend—unless you used plenty of chum. Small blues were taken at the Race, either trolling or jigging. If fishing Gardiner's Island for fluke, try south of the Ruins. Blackfish and flounder were steady at the tower at Eastern Plains Point this weekend.

This catch of 85 flounder was made N.E. of buoy 42 in Moriches Bay on the last of the flood and first of the ebb. Anglers Paul and John Bocchino did their fishing out of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station in Eastport.

South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

A couple of days of northerly winds tempered what was getting to be some pretty hot shark action at midweek. Unfortuantely, the winds resulted in poor sharking for the weekend and several Long Island tournaments, including the Moriches Anglers Annual Fair, suffered.

Inshore, flatfish continued to get most of the attention in both bays. Fluke are now the prime attraction in both Moriches and Great South Bays, but flounder deserve more than a cursory glance in both places. Small blues are now well established in both inlets while their bigger brothers are thick offshore. The bigger fish have been tough to catch up to this point.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

The Fisherman's East End reporter, Lorry Mangan fished the Moriches Anglers Shark Tourney on Saturday and filled us in with the following results.

Of the 88 boats entered, only 6 makos, a few brown, one blue and one small white shark were brought back to the dock. The first place mako, which was worth over $3300, was taken aboard Capt. Bob Rochetta's **Rainbow II**. The man on the rod was Dave Darrow. Bob found the winning fish in 210' of water SE of Moriches Inlet. The second place mako, a 220 pounder, was worth $2000 and was taken aboard Capt. Vincent Popolizio's Lynn Mary. Third place was taken by a 213 pound mako caught aboard Capt. Buddy Mignone's Reef Runner.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	1:55	2:35	2:50	3:30	2:40	3:25	3:55	4:40	5:40	6:25	5:35	6:05	2:10	2:45	6/21
FRI.	2:45	3:25	3:40	4:20	3:30	4:15	4:50	5:30	6:40	7:15	6:25	6:55	3:00	3:35	6/22
SAT.	3:40	4:20	4:30	5:10	4:20	5:05	5:40	6:15	7:45	7:55	7:20	7:45	3:35	4:25	6/23
SUN.	4:40	5:15	5:25	5:55	5:20	5:55	6:30	6:55	8:35	8:35	8:10	8:35	4:45	5:15	6/24
MON.	5:35	6:00	6:15	6:45	6:15	6:40	7:20	7:35	9:20	9:15	9:00	9:20	5:35	6:00	6/25
TUES.	6:30	6:45	7:10	7:30	7:05	7:25	8:05	8:10	10:00	9:55	9:50	10:05	6:20	6:45	6/26
WED.	7:15	7:30	7:55	8:20	7:50	8:05	8:45	8:55	10:40	10:40	10:40	10:50	7:10	7:30	6/27
THURS.	8:00	8:15	8:45	9:05	8:35	8:45	9:30	9:35	11:25	11:25	11:25	11:35	7:55	8:15	6/28

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Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
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Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
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Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
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Mastic Beach	+3 28
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Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
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Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
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Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
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Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
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Execution Light	-0 06
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Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
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Narragansett Pier	—0 08
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Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/21	5:24	8:40
FRI. 6/22	5:24	8:40
SAT. 6/23	5:25	8:40
SUN. 6/24	5:25	8:40
MON. 6/25	5:25	8:40
TUE. 6/26	5:26	8:40
WED. 6/27	5:26	8:40

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 6/21	1:15AM	1:03PM
FRI. 6/22	1:36AM	2:03PM
SAT. 6/23	1:58AM	3:03PM
SUN. 6/24	2:21AM	4:05PM
MON. 6/25	2:47AM	5:11PM
TUE. 6/26	3:17AM	6:18PM
WED. 6/27	3:55AM	7:26PM

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
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Fri.	12:35	6:35	12:45	6:55
Sat.	1:05	7:15	1:25	7:35
Sun.	1:50	7:50	2:00	8:15
Mon.	2:30	8:30	2:40	8:55
Tues.	3:05	9:15	3:25	9:45
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According to Jim Greene of **L & M Marine**, in **East Moriches**, fluking is now solid between buoys 34 and 36. Working this area on Sunday's ebb tide, Carl Golden, Doug Peterson, Gordon Matlock and Roger Lewis put away 34 keepers up to 3½ pounds. In addition they released more than two dozen undersized fluke. They used killie/squid and killie/fluke belly combos. Flounder fishing remains very worthwhile for those that haven't had their fill of winter flatties. Mike Swenson, Scott Appleman, Bill Springstad and Mike Radziewski, all students of Pace University, returned to the station with 55 flounder between ¾ and 1¼ pounds, 3 fluke, 1 blackfish and 1 small bluefish. The group fished south of buoy 36 and used blood and sandworms for the flatties. The balance of the catch fell to a bucktail adorned with a strip of squid.

Excellent fluking is the way Gary Grunseich of **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** described the current status of the recently arrived summer flatties. Gary did speak of a lot of shorts being taken but said there were still enough keepers to keep everyone happy. Most of the better catches are being made on spearing and squid combos in the stretch between buoys 35 on down to buoy 42. Keeper ratio through much of the bay is in the neighborhood of 3 shorts to 1 keeper. A sample of weekend scores included the 90 fluke taken on Sunday by Joe Ivans and Helmuth Rich. Of the 90 fish, 29 were keepers. Back on Saturday, Matt, John and Charles Viol culled through 95 fluke to come up with 32 keepers. Of the flounder, Jim Lavelle and Helmuth Fangler worked the buoy 36 area to the tune of 103 keepers. Most of the flatties were in the ¾ to 1½ pound range. Gary noted that the best flounder action has been on the flood tide while both tides have been producing fast action with fluke. Also, lots of 1-3 pound blues roaming the bay on the flood tide. Follow the birds and use small popping plugs or tins.

Aboard the **Moriches** open boat **Capt. Leo D**, Capt. Chip has found it tough to leave the flounder behind. He said that excellent flounder action has been the rule in the inlet area with clams working best on both tides. Due to the surge in fluke action and also by popular demand, the boat is now mixing fluke and flounder. A sample of some of the flounder scores this week included 50 flatties for Butch of Manorville on Monday. Twenty-three for Mike of Mastic on Tuesday's half day trip. Dom and Barbara took 48 flatties up to 2½ pounds on Wednesday's trip.

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Paul Graniello of **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** filled us in on the flatfish situation in both bays. Of Moriches

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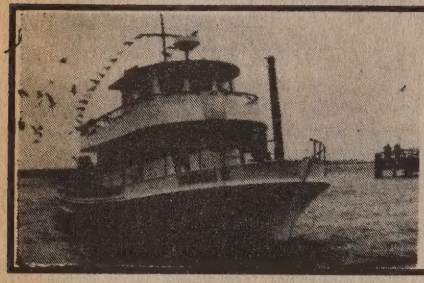

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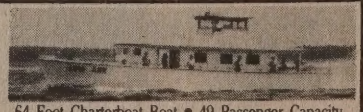

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Bay, he said that several of his customers reported very good fluking with a good number of shorts mixed in and still plenty of flounder in the deeper water of the bay. In Great South Bay, lots and lots of fluke being taken but in some areas the number of shorts to keepers is as high as seven or eight to one. Flounder fishing at the Sore Thumb remains a good bet for those who get tired of throwing back short fluke. There is still an occasional tiderunner being taken near Ocean Beach. One regular customer known only as Dick found a 12.5 pounder while looking for fluke on Wednesday. The big weak grabbed a live killie. Small blues are in both inlets where they are being taken on umbrella rigs or small 007 jigs.

Al "The Shark" Colban of **J & R Sport Center** in **Oakdale** spoke of loads of fluke in the bay with many shorts among them. Al fished aboard the And How on the weekend and the boat accounted for 14 nice fluke working the State Channel near the bait dock. Al noted that they lost count of the number of shorts returned. He also mentioned that DEC officers were boarding boats in checking for undersized fluke. Big bluefish are still well offshore from 100' on out and shark fishing slowed considerably from mid-week through the weekend. Small blues are roaming the inlet where both trollers and casters are catching them. Most range from 1-3 pounds. A lot of trout taken out of Bubbles and Rattles this past week with most in the 9-12" size range. There were a couple of nice 14" rainbows taken as well. Trout fishing in the Park remains very good.

Over at **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Irene Cioffi said that boatmen are using umbrella rigs and 007 jigs to take blues up to 3 pounds at the inlet. Lots of fluke around but most of them are falling under the 14" size limit. Peter Jackits of East Islip ran his Rainbow Runner II out to 180' of water 180 degrees out of Moriches Inlet during Saturday's Moriches Anglers Shark Tournament. While he failed to place in the top three, he did find a 164 pound mako for his brother Mike.

Carl Miller at **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** told of one local who managed 25 keeper fluke on killie and squid combos near Dickerson Channel. This was on Sunday. Some nice blackfish still being taken at the Robert Moses Bridge. One customer had several 3-5 pound tautogs at the bridge on sandworms this week. Action with small blues has been good at the inlet and at Farm Shoals on 007 jigs or trolled umbrellas. Offshore bluefish are spread from 60' on out to 180' of water according to shark fishermen. Speaking of sharks, action died on Thursday after some good early and mid-week action. A few days of southerly winds should set the stage for a good Bay Shore Mako Tourney which is scheduled for this weekend. One more inshore note; a couple of small

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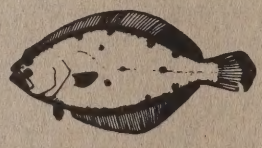

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The **Captree** fleet has been concentrating on fluke with tremendous numbers of fish making for plenty of action. A large percentage of the fish are falling under the 14" minimum size limit but several reports indicate that the past couple of days have seen some improvement in the ratio of shorts to keepers.

Capt. Dan Juettner of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Dan** spoke of lots of fluke in the State Channel, the West Island area and near the R.M. Bridge. On most days, the ratio of shorts to keepers has been 6:1 which is up from 8 or 9 to 1 last week. The small fish are making for lots of action and Dan noted that there are more small fluke around than he has ever seen in the past. Killies and spearing are being used on the summer flatties with a couple of blues and an odd sea bass and blackfish butting in.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree** open boat **Captree Queen** said that loads of fish but mostly shorts continue to characterize the fluke fishing. Gordon did note a showing of larger fish on the weekend, particularly on Saturday when 150 keepers out of approximately 500 fish were taken. Average number of keepers per trip ranges from 2 to 6 fish. A few blues are mixing with the summer flatties as well. On the Captree Queen's PM trip, they have been concentrating mostly on flounder due to the large number of flatties settled in at the Sore Thumb. Depending on the tide, the boat will be switching back and forth between fluke and flounder on these afternoon trips. Gordon described the weakfishing as slow with 2-5 fish being taken each night. There has been a build up in action for bay blues at the Inlet. Sunday's catch included 30 blues in the 1-3 pound range.

Aboard the **Captree** open boat **Speedy VI**, Capt. Speedy Hubert reported very good action with the fluke though there are lots and lots of shorts mixed in. Largest fluke of the week was a 6 pounder but most keepers fall into the 1½-2½ pound size range. Evening weakfish trips are producing just a few tiderunners but all are big. The biggest fish so far this season was taken on a trip last week by Frank Catalano. It checked in at 16 pounds even. Some small blues are keeping anglers busy between weakfish. The **Speedy VII** has been mixing fluke and flounder on its afternoon trip due to a continued strong run of winter flatties in the Sore Thumb Pocket.

According to Noel Kappauf at **Captree Bait Station** there has been some very good fluke action from the Captree Piers. Both Fisherman's Walk and Captree Overlook are producing lots of shorts with some keepers mixed in. A few 2-3 pounders were weighed in in on Monday morning. Spearing and live killies are working best on the fluke.

From **The Store** at **Oak Beach**, Jim O'Neill reported a very good run of

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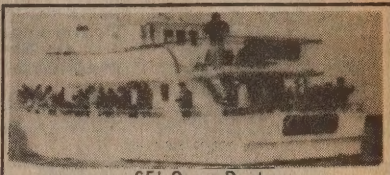
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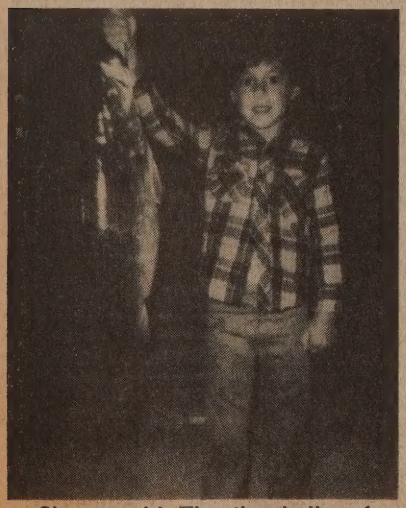

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LIF subscriber Frank Miller shows a catch of nine cod made aboard the Freeport open boat, "Capt. Al" earlier this season.

flounder in the Sore Thumb Pocket on outgoing water. Also very good flounder action from the docks on the State Channel side of the store and on the inlet side as well. Sandworms are being used to take these fish. Sean Case used sandworms to take weaks of 10¼ and 10½ pounds in the inlet near the Sore Thumb on Thursday. These were boat fish. A couple of boats using the ramp behind The Store reported plenty of small blues inside the inlet during the week and weekend. Most are being taken on umbrella rigs while others are being taken on small tins and diamond jigs. A few blackfish being taken from the rockpiles at Oak Beach as well.

Bruce Morabito of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** had the first south shore tuna report to come our way. The fish was also the first for the Babylon Tuna Club. Bruce reported a 119 pound yellowfin for Dick Svoboda's Miss Marion. The boat had several long fin albacore as well during their canyon junket. After dark fishing produced only a couple of blue sharks. The Babylon Tuna Club chose this weekend to hold their Club fluke derby. Mike Murray and Jerry Puccio tied for first with fluke of 2¼ pounds. Gene Sevidao closed out the scoring with a 2.1 pounder. Of the fluking, Bruce spoke of fantastic numbers of fish being taken but added that most are shorts. Weakfish are still a possibility at Ocean Beach as Chris Strain proved early Wednesday. Fishing the last of the outgoing with a whole sandworm and 6 lb. test, Chris whipped a tiderunner that tipped the scales at Augie's at 13.5 pounds. On the freshwater side, Bill Helmsoriig weeded a 4.9 pound largemouth out of Deer Lake on the Babylon/West Islip border on Sunday.

Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** looked over a catch of 15 fluke to 4¾ pounds and 2 blues on Saturday. All were taken by Sal and Ed Lache near the drawbridge in the State Channel. Good flounder fishing still the rule at the Sore Thumb with flatties to 1½ pounds being taken in good numbers on clams and worms. Ratio of keepers to throwbacks has been 1:1. Mike knew of some nice blackfish still being taken at the Robert Moses Bridge.

"Sharks disappeared over the weekend but lots of blues on the offshore grounds" according to Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle in Copiague**. Inshore, very good flounder fishing at the Sore Thumb over the weekend on bloodworms. Heavy fluke action has been marred by a high percentage of shorts. The big surprise in the fluke department came courtesy of a pair of local youngsters. Anthony Canale and Joe Mannino went through a pack of sandeels at the Tanner Park Dock. Their efforts were not wasted at they surprised Ralph with a catch of 9 keeper fluke up to 3 pounds. The park has also been producing a few nice blue claw crabs. On Wednesday, Ralph put his day off to good use by taking a pair of

5 pound weaks at Ocean Beach.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank reported good numbers of fluke in the 14-17 inch size range at Bergen Point with killie and squid combos working best on the fish. There was some good action with mako sharks SE of the Compass Rose through Wednesday but this fishing died over the weekend as a result of a couple of days of northerly winds.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

With bluefish yet to really make a showing in this area, local anglers are still up to their bellies in flounder, while the fluking picture is decent enough with plenty of short fish around but enough keepers to make it interesting. The week's decent weather hasn't hurt anything, either. A few sharks have also been taken. Not much to report in the way of weakfish, however,

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

Starting with the Seaford area, Captain Brian's open boat **Chinco III** told of fair to good fluking this week with weekdays better than the weekend. High hooks on the weekdays hovered around the 25 mark with roughly a 75 percent keeper ratio. Incoming water was best with killies and fluke belly being prime baits and best results coming from Goose Creek and Island Channel.

From **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** there was word of plenty of fluke with about a 50 percent keeper ratio. Don Garcia totalled 30 keepers up to 4½ lbs. on Saturday fishing between the second bridge and Squaw Island. Art said the fish are spread all over the place. One to 3 lb. bay blues have been taken around the 3rd Wantagh evenings and Ams on small plugs and tins while flounder action continues to be very strong at Squaw, the fishing piers and most bridges.

Marie at **Wanser's Tackle** knew of good fluke reports from her customers from the 3rd Wantagh bridge right through Jones Inlet with Massapequa cove being a hotspot. About a 20 percent keeper ratio is being had on killies, squid and sand eels. Flounder action remains good, especially in the deeper holes on worms and of course, chumming helps.

From Scott at **Merrick Tackle in Bellmore** came word of decent catches of fluke in Swift Creek on sand eels.

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A call to **Nick's Fishing Station in Merrick** brought forth news from Jimmy Bolukus of fantastic fluking at Merrick Point and west into Carmen's Cut. John and Charles Ruland of Bellmore had 28 keeper fluke including a 6 lber. Saturday in that area on killies. Great flounder fishing in Swift Creek as evidenced by Ray Cotti with 99 caught all by himself at midweek followed by 109 more flounder taken the next day by Ray, his mom and his girl friend. This was off the whale, anchored up. All big fish. A 4½ lb. fluke was hoisted by regular customer Ed Pretakewicz Thursday. There are lots of throwbacks but also lots of good keepers.

Over in **Freeport** word from Capt. Tony Presto of the charter boat **Mickey Ii** was of Saturday's trip for Rick Riley's group of firemen from upstate New York who bagged fluke with a 60 percent keeper ratio. Fluking has picked up a lot said the skipper who has been working Reynolds, the inlet and the big M area. There are more keepers now, no doubt about it. The pool fish was a 3½ lber. and hook bait was fluke belly, smelt and sand eels which worked handily on both tides.

Word from the **Capt. Al** was of fair wreck fishing during the early part of the week followed by a great upswing in the catch Friday through Sunday with fish being mostly ling and sea bass with a scattering of blackfish, all on wrecks.

Fishing Saturday aboard the charter boat **Capt. Gary** a group from Sperry Corp. had a good day of fluking with lots of throwbacks and a good number of keepers. It was pretty much the same thing Sunday for Fish and Brew Fishing Club. The pool went to Ray Carman with a 4 lber. while high hook awards went to Joey Boughton. Both tides worked in Reynolds, High Flats Drain and the inlet.

Ronnie Bauer at **Hudson Point Fishing Station** provided us with the winners of the Hudson Anglers 12th annual shark tournament in which 165 boats participate. John Lawrence won $9000 with a 140 lb. white shark...Bob Poggi bagged $3750 with a 110 lb. brown shark while Ed Finn wrapped up 3rd place and $2200 with a 100 lb. blue shark. Flounder have been hot off the CG station and at the Wantagh bridge area for mostly big fish. Fluking has been good in the back on killies, spearing and squid. Still some blackfish at the bridges and wrecks with a lot of sea bass on local wrecks. Some bay blues off the inlet AMs and PMs, while some bigger bluefish are being chummed at the Three Sisters.

From the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** came word of increasing fluke activity on the flood tide. The **Super Spray II** on Sunday's Am trip had Jim White of Queens, a member

of the Midnight Lounge group taking a 4 lb. fluke Father's Day as a brand new father. Generall the fluke catches were very good on the weekend. Aboard the **North Star** Musicaro's Fishing Club enjoyed excellent fluking in Reynolds while Sunday Camel Head Social club did the same. Lots of throwbacks with keepers being a 30 percent item. The **Barbara Ann** fished 3 Sisters Thursday taking over 70 good blues on umbrellas. Captain Walt Scott's charter boat **Acme II** has been having good fluking in Haunts Creek, the south end of Swift and the west side of the Big M and Fundy Bay also. On Saturday Walt had a lot of 3 to 5 lber. in Sea Dog Creek. Walt's boat will be featuring a new weekdays charter program this season. See next week's ad for details.

From Capt. Dan Polera of the charter boat **Nan-Sea** we learned of Saturday's trip for Outboard Marine Service which had 3 brown shark and a load of bluefish. Sunday's trip for Nunzio's Deli took some more bluefish and 2 brown shark. Water temperature is still around 63 degrees, said Dan.

A call from Capt. Tony of the **Miss Freeport II** told of a nice pick up in the fluke activity. Tuesday, Pat DeFelice of Richmond Hills, head chef at the Snapper Restaurant in Bellmore boated a 3½ lb. pool fish while Friday John Celesia, Pt. Washington brought up a 5½ lb. fluke at the inlet, part of the boat's catch of roughly 150 keeper fluke for that day. Sunday was very good too, with both tides working. The flounder trips on Saturday and Sunday afternoon were also excellent with a flounder weighing between 3 and 4 lbs. taken by one customer Sunday. These are mostly very big fish said the skipper and the boat will soon be going on a daily basis on the PM trips as well.

From the charter boat **Lady J III** came word of more good fluke action this week for Rushmore School of Carl Place, the Rich Crowley group of NYC, Forest Park Fishing Club and Tap-a-Keg Social Club, Ozone Park. All catches were on squid and sand eels in Jones Inlet and Reynolds. Lots of throwbacks was the order of the day but there were also a good number of great eatin keepers.

A call from the charter boat **Corsair** told of Saturday's trip for 3M Company of West Caldwell, NJ. Donna Conti has high hook with fluke to 3 lbs. Fares had a steady pick with the AM being best on spearing and squid in Reynolds, Swift, Sloop and Fundy Bay. The two sides of the Big M also produced.

The **Capt. Andy Fleet** continues to have super flounder fishing and poor to good fluke trips. There's plenty of fluke action said Andy with lots of throwbacks but also enough keepers to keep people happy.

The **Bluefin Fleet** had very good fluking this week said Captain Sy. A kiddy trip at midweek saw over 200 fluke per boat taken with a 25 percent keeper ratio. High hook was Stephen

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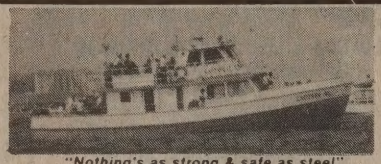

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Madden of Lynbrook. On trips later in the week, Denise LaCarrubba, Steve Ribando, Stephen Madden and Lisa Tolle, Kim Berkey, Mary Gianotti, Eric Kormen all had 3-4 lb. fish. High hook of 20 keeper fluke was Ed Hodge. A 3 lber was the prize for Jean Marie Evanson . Jim White and Ed Mannino each had fluke weighing 3¾ lbs., while Ed had 13 keepers total. Most of the fishing has been local on the inside, fish averaging 15 to 18 inches on spearing, sand eels and squid, outgoing best. The boat has some night and weekday dates still available and Sy says watch for his 10-man limit tuna trips in the fall.

Captain Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** has been putting away a half to full buckets per person every trip on sea bass and ling with an occasional big flounder taken. The fishing is consistent said the happy skipper. Sea bass are going to 4 lbs., blackfish to 6 and ling to 4. A 3 lb. flounder was caught Sunday and there hasn't been a bad day all week says Richie. Action is over rocks and wrecks.

A call from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** told of good fluking through Sunday with plenty of action including keeper and midgets. Pool fish have been running 4 to 5 lbs. The PM flounder trips have been super said Mike, with Capt. Mike G. running them. Friday's trip saw Pat Piarulli of Douglaston with 64 good flounder, Gerald Troha, Lynbrook with 53, Morty Draluck, Merrick, with 42 and Mary Baoenye, Floral Park with 40. Fish are running up to 3 lbs.

In nearby Point Lookout the 2 trip at day **Miss Point Lookout** has been enjoying fairly decent fluking. Bob Garvey had 10 keeper fluke to 3¼ lbs. which was a pool winner, while Merrill and Ellen had respectively a 6 lb. pool fluke and a 3 lb. pool fluke on morning and afternoon trips. Wednesday's high hook was 13 keepers. The AM pool fish was 3 lb. 8 oz. fluke for Ira Horn. Thursday and Friday saw a lot of mixed fish taken with Eric Olson ending up with 13 keepers. Fares averaged 3 to 6 keepers a person. On Saturday Bill Viammarino had 3 lb. pool fish in the PM. Captains Ron and Walter have added the **Miss Point View**, an excursion boat to their fleet, which will sail from Point View Inn Restaurant Monday through Thursday nights from 7 to 9 PM. There are other daily trips scheduled, up to 3 on Sundays and they are booking parties, weddings, etc. They ask that you call for details.

The two trip a day **Capt. Bill** left a brief message on our answering machine tape that his fluke trips continue to be very productive even though there are still lots of throwbacks in the catch.

from **Ed's Fishing Station** we heard of more good fluking. Ed Puzio along with Karen and Bob Brigance in one skiff and Bruno Grabiez in another skiff totaled an even 70 keeper fluke Sunday fishing the Flats at Scow Creek and buoys 17 and 18 with

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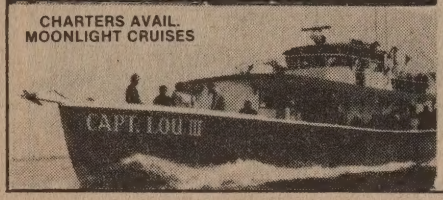

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spearing and killies as hook bait. Saturday saw Bill Ophoff, Bill Jr and Glen settle for 25 fluke on killie, spearing and squid in the flats. Buoys 17, 18, and 19 and the Middle Bay flats were also good. Flounder hot in Swift Creek, off th4 CG station and on the west side of the Big M. Marion Alterman on the boat Al-Su boated an 8 lb. blackfish on a live killie at the mouth of Jones Inlet.

We hear from **Scotty's Fishing Station** that on Saturday a large group from Maine Bar Fishing Club had both fluke and flounder. The fluke from Reynolds Channel total 15 to 20 keepers per man while the flounder were roughly 20 a person taken at buoy 14 and the CG station. Merrick angler Fred Blume accounted for a 4 lb. fluke on killies working Reynolds west of the water tower, while Sonny Pearsall was satisfied with a 3 lb. fluke out of Fundy Bay.

Captain Clem of the **Commodore** out of island Park told of a good week's fluking with action really picking up just after the moon. Agood number of keepers and lots of midgets with keepers averaging 8 to 20 per person. Clem found fish in Debs, Reynolds and east at the golf course, along with the Point Lookout bridge, Riis Park and at the channels. A huge body of fish has shown itself said the skipper and they are eating. Riis has been very good especially on the AM tides this past week and from Wednesday on excellent in the bay. Fish are running from 14 inches to 5½ lbs. and pools are running from 3½ to 5½ lbs. Fish averaging 2 lbs. hitting spearing and squid. John Glass on Saturday hoisted 21 keepers while 18 keepers was the score Sunday for Pete Malone.

A call from **Long Beach Sports Marina** advised Reynold Channel was fair during the week with plenty of keepers and throwbacks. White bait was best but the larger fluke wanted live killies. Blackfishing had been fair at the ABB, gong buoy and the 28th street wreck off Rockaway. There's been continued good floundering in Reynolds at buoy 5 and off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club. Some blues trolled off Rockaway and Lido up to 4 lbs. in 30 feet of water and a few chummed further out.

On the private boat Overexposed, Mary Ann Kenah hoisted a 5 lb. 4 oz. fluke Saturday on a squid killie combo fishing Reynolds west of the ABb.

From **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** we hear of loads of flounder being caught in the Jones Inlet Coast Guard area and off the Jones Beach piers. Excellent fluking all week, particularly at the west end of Reynolds from the bridge west with only a 60 percent throwback ratio now. Bay blues hitting trolled umbrellas and tins outside the inlets mornings and evenings.

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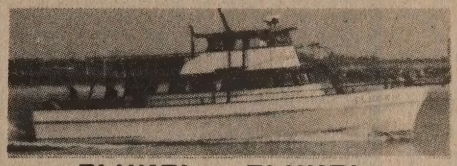

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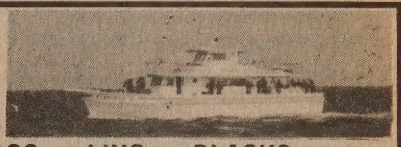

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from 15 to 25 lbs. This is a big improvement over the May moon. Catches have been made on Danny trolling plugs of the white and blue variety, with the boat working the channels and Rockaways.

Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** talked of loads of fluke from the CG Station to the AB bridge with a caution to return the under 14 inch fish or be subject to $65 per short fish fines. Magnolia Pier was named as another producing fluke hole. Excellent flounder catches still being made in the hole about 500 feet east of the ABB at the mussel beds with fish up to 2 lbs. Fluke are also being taken at Duck Point and the area of the warrior buoy off Riis Park. Still good catches of blackfish at the ABB, Silver Point jetty and Rockaway jetties on fiddlers and greens.

NEW YORK BIGHT

From **Skippy's Bait and Tackle,** Tommy told of good fluking at Duck Point and from the ABB to the yacht club with 1 out of 7 a keeper. Floundering remains very good in the ABB area, fish up to 3 lbs. Blackfishing has been poor and weakfish a zero.

The word from Vi **At Cross Bay Bait and Tackle on Jamaica Bay** was that fluke are being taken on killies, sand eels and spearing around the Marine Parkway bridge, from boats. Some 4 to 5 lb. blues are hitting bunker chunks in the evening, off the north and south channel bridges. Both bridges are also producing good flounder and blackfish action on worms and fiddlers, respectively.

Over in **Sheepshead Bay** the Wee Willie report from **Mike's Bait and Tackle** is of lots of fluke action with lots of throwbacks at the channels, Riis Park and Coney Island flats. Also lots of sea bass being caught at the Jersey Highlands with plenty of ling mixed in. Blackfish action also good on the Jersey side.

From the **Flamingo III** comes word of great sea bass and ling catches through Friday working the Highlands and Sea Bright over rocks and reefs. These are mixed fish from medium to large. The boat blue fished with very lean results Saturday and Sunday and now continues to work the big schools of sea bass and ling to fill customers bags. This will be until the blues are around in force.

From Captain Tom of the **Elsie K III** came word of fair fluking this past week off Rockaway and at the channels. Friday and Sunday were two of the best days of the week with high hooks in the 20s each day, fish to 3½ lbs. Both tides worked on spearing and fluke belly. Not too many throwbacks said the skipper.

Charter boat **Daybreaker** has been having very good bluefish catches up until the weekend fishing from the Highlands to Asbury Park. Fish were running 2 to 8 lbs. being taken mostly

on umbrellas with some fish diamond jigged. Sunday saw an upturn in the bluefish action with fish up to 12 lbs. Captain Mike advised that he will have another boat coming this week, a 38 foot Topaz with a 6-man limit which will be making his longer runs. Watch for the ad for this boat the Artemis, which will be starting shortly in the Sheepshead Bay section.

Over in **Staten Island Santo's Sport Shop** advised the name of the game off just about every beach for boaters and shore-bound anglers has been fluke. Fish are mixed sizes with good numbers of keepers.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Blackfish and flounder reports were still trickling in from points west while the East End was talking big fluke. A few sharpies to the west were taking occasional bass, and porgies were here and there as well.

WESTERN SOUND

Larry at **John's Gun** in **New Rochelle** said that there were still flounder and blackfish "right out front". A few sharpies had bass on worms and bluefish reports were very spotty.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** described a slow Sunday and a busy Saturday with a lot o flounder and a fading blackfish run. There were a few porgies as well, and Michael Dicuffa weighed an honest 1½ pound flounder at the shop. Bass fishing was "so-so" with a lot of 20-22 inch shorts. All the party boats in the area were working flounder, blackfish and a few porgies on the Long Island side of the Sound. Noone is working the Connecticut shore seriously yet.

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** described very spotty action. Flounder fishing was quite good for quality fish. One catch of five 1½ pounders seemed proof enough. Blackfishing had slowed with only one bulldog of 11 pounds weighed early in the week. Trolling for teen-sized bass was producing a fish here and there with no concentration. Bob Sztorc trolled a 38 pound linesider on worms.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Bob Cedar at **Huntington Prop** told us that Jim Wohlfuss weighed a 28

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pound striper taken on a live eel and that tautog to 9 pounds had come from the Eatons, Target Rock, and Marshall Field areas. Flounder were available off Valley Grove, Lloyds, and Sand City. George Valentine at **Four Winds** felt that the numbers of blackfish off Eatons was spectacular and that flounder sizes there were also impressive. There were some porgies and occasional seabass off Sand City and Callahans. A few stripers were reported around Cold Spring Harbor, Marshall Field, and Eatons on trolled sandworms. The largest this week at the shop was a 26 pounder.

Mel at **Greenlawn Sport Shop** told us that gourmets might enjoy the large numbers of eels inshore, even in Mill Creek. Bowman's in Northport advised Lloyds and Eatons for tautog and declared the rest of the scene to be ''weak''. There were some flounder in pockets east of the Coast Guard Station and bunker schools were widespread in the bays and harbors.

The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** said that tautog were now moving into deeper water off Oldfield and Crane's with green crabs the best bait. A good drift off the ''Pink House'',White's Beach, or Flacks Pond could produce fluke along with lots of searobins. Sandeel-squid or spearing-squid combinations were best.

The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** mentioned blackfish off the pipeline with a few porgies and tons of sea robins. One 9 lb. 12 oz. weakfish was weighed as well as a 6 pound tautog by Tom Brady. Most of the fluke off Sound Beach were small fish with a few keepers.

Nona Collins said that the **Ever Ready** out of **Huntington** was still working the beaches down from Eatons for some big flounder and blackfish. However, numbers had fallen off in the last hot spell even though sizes were up.

NORTH FORK

George at **Warren's** said that there were loads of blues in the Peconics with the sound producing action on blackfish and fluke. A very few weakfish were mentioned around Mattituck Inlet, and Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** weighed a couple of 8 pound tiderunners. One drifter off the Firing Range had a 6½ pound fluke and a report of 60 tautog from 3-9½ pounds came from the Northville Pipe. The bait? Hermit crabs, of course. About one fluke in a dozen was a keeper off Mattituck Inlet but numbers were impressive. Live killies are now available at the Station. Ronnie at the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** saw catches of up to 30 fluke per boat from the zone between Horton's and Duck Pond Point. One 8½ pound blackfish came off the pipeline.

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The A.P. White Bait Shop **in Greenport** said that the porgy angling was not all that good but that there were plenty of blues in the bay. Blackfish were best at Gull and Plum with some flounder but no fluke off Orient and Pettys. Tobbaco Lot had some tremendous flounder fishing.

Rod DeLisle's **Prowler** had a super day on Saturday east of Gardiners on Flounders and blackfish to 4 pounds. There were seabass and porgies mixed with the bags as well. Detailed reports of fluke off Hortons came from Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time II.** Michael Love had the pool on Saturday with an 8-pounder and Kimberly Morrison took a lesson from a friend in beating the local experts with a 10-12 doormat for Sunday's pool. Saturday's take for the boat involved 40-50 large fish over 17

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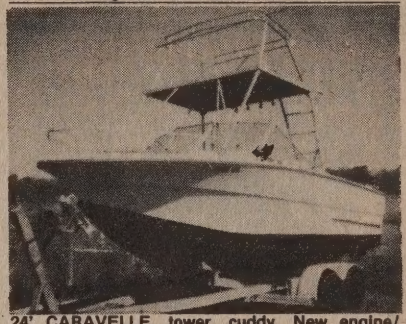

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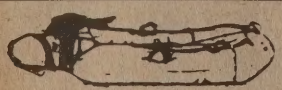

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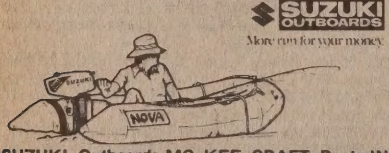

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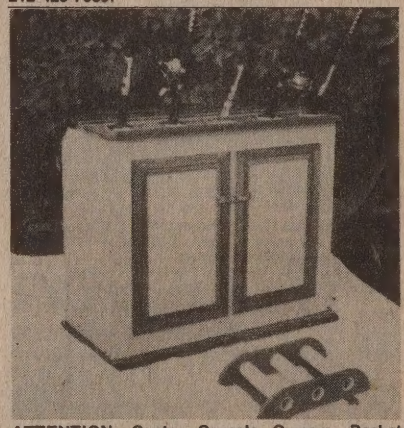

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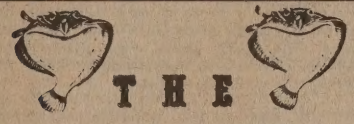

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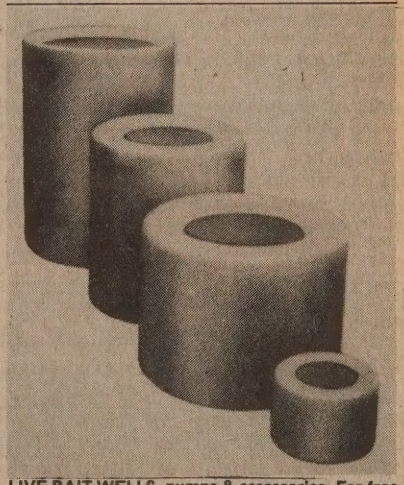

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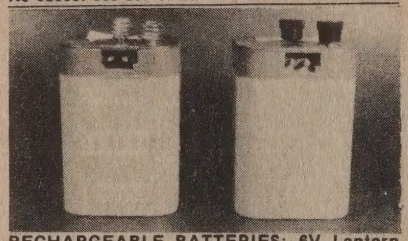

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inches, and Sunday's haul was about 30 in that class. There are a lot of sandeels in the area which seems to be holding the summer flatties.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Winds out of a northerly quarter kept North Shore surfmen at bay late in the week and into the weekend. This killed most of the action in the Sound through Saturday although by Sunday night, casters were again managing a few bass and weaks.

Small bluefish finally arrived around S.S. Inlet areas in enough numbers to provide some steady early morning and evening action and several fine stripers fell to a handful of Striper Surf Club members working the rips beneath the light at Montauk.

Along western South Shore beaches, Charlie Beckmann, of **Beckmann's Tackle** in **Lynbrook**, told of some stripers in the low teens being taken in the early morning hours at Atlantic Beach and Riis Park. Swimming plugs take fish before daybreak with bunker chunks taking over after sunrise. One anonymous caster scored with from 2-6 bass each morning through most of the week.

Jones Inlet had its quota of small blues this past week but a nice striper found its way into the limelight here as well. The 29 pound, 3 ounce fish was checked at Noel Kappauf's **Captree Bait Station** on Friday morning. It was taken at Jones Beach, West End II by Warren Windram.

Casters working the Sore Thumb/Cedar Beach area inside Fire Island Inlet enjoyed flurries with 1-4 pound blues through much of last week and through Sunday morning. Small tins, and the Ava 007 in particular (with a tube), worked best on these fish. There were several rumors floating about on the beach Sunday morning concerning a 43 pound striper taken before dawn, but several attempts at substantiating the catch came up empty.

Small bluefish made their appearance at Moriches Inlet and Smith Pont this past week according to Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. Lots of fish in the 1-3 pound range were taken on small tins on several occasions. A couple of Paul's regular customers who work north shore beaches in the Stony Brook and Mt. Sinai areas checked in a couple of nice weakfish. Ed Green used a Redfin to take a 7½ pound weak at Mt. Sinai early Wednesday morning. He told of dropping another fish. When I spoke to Paul on Monday morning, he had just finished weighing weaks of 8 and 10.1 pounds for Patchogue Fishing Club member Ozzie VonHelmond. These fish, in addition to a 9 pound striper were taken in the Stony Brook area on TriFin Eelworms.

Out in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** told of a few nice bass rolling on the surface at Jones Reef each evening. Unfortunately, the fish seemed to have a bad case of lockjaw. Few casters tried Shagwong on the weekend with no luck but John reminded that last year's weakfish action started at the end of June. John added that the Point is loaded with sandeels.

Not all of the Montauk fish were uncatchable as a trio of Striper Surf Club members discovered over the weekend. According to Club P.R. man Mike Kaland, George Mandaraks of Astoria used a yellow bottle plug to nail a 21 pound striper Saturday night under the light. With him was Tom Incantalupo of Rego Park. Tom finished off the night with a 33 pound cow. A fellow club member Lief Gobel of Bayport parlayed the previous night's report into three fish Sunday night. His bass weighed 17.7, 25.7 and 28.12 pounds.

Up on the North Shore, as was said earlier, a couple of days of north wind upset the apple cart but before and after there were a good number of 2-4 pound blues at Lilco on Kastmasters, Hopkins, Rebels and Poppers. This via George Valentine at **Four Winds Tackle** in **Huntington**. George added that a few 10-12 pound bass and plenty of shorts along with a couple of weaks were taken on various nights at Crab Meadow and Callahans Beaches.

We were unable to reach Stan Henschel of **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** due to some phone problems so this about sums up the north shore action for this week.

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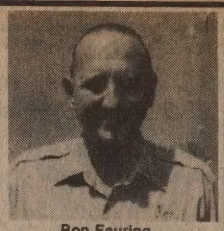

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